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Executive Committee.

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Page 17, line 22, for Alisha read *Abisha*.
Page 22, line 7 from bottom, for Hamilton read *Hambleton*.
Page 87, line 9, second column, for Abraham read *Absalom*.

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PREFACE.

In publishing this First Book of the Records of Worcester,* it has been my endeavor to present in print a faithful transcript of the written volume, preserving the orthography, and so far as was possible, the other peculiarities of the original. The following pages comprise all the matter in the manuscript excepting the warrants, the majority of which contain nothing of importance not repeated in substance in the proceedings of the meetings, and the printing of them would have largely increased the size and expense of the work. They were carefully scanned, however, and extracts embodying articles of which no record of action appears, curious passages, or other matter of interest, are frequently given in the text or in foot-notes. A few brief notes of explanation have been added, but the limits of the work and the peculiar circumstances attending its production, precluded much elaboration in this respect. The proofs have in all cases been compared with the original, and it is thought that few errors will be found.

To the several members of The Worcester Society of Antiquity who have manifested a kindly interest in the work, and afforded material assistance in its preparation, I desire to express my thanks,— particularly to Mr. Albert A. Lovell, who copied the records and contributed in many ways to the success of the undertaking; to

*The Records of Worcester are complete and continuous from the formation of the town in 1722 to its incorporation as a city in 1848. They are well preserved and for the most part legibly written; and are divided into seven volumes as follows:— Vol. I. 1722-39; vol. II. 1740-53; vol. III. 1754-73; vol. IV. 1774-96; vol. V. 1796-1819; vol. VI. 1820-38; vol. VII. 1838-48. The records of the Proprietors from 1674 to 1788. are also preserved in one volume of 275 pages, containing about 300 maps and plans.

Samuel E. Staples, Esq., who supplied the index, a work of no little labor; and to the Hon. Clark Jillson for friendly aid and counsel. I am also indebted to the venerable Rev. George Allen, whose remarkable memory and clear judgment have been of service in almost every local literary enterprise for the last half century; and to William S. Barton, Esq., with whom I have frequently conferred in relation to doubtful passages in the manuscript. Acknowledgements are due E. H. Towne, Esq., City Clerk, for his kindness in allowing the records to be copied, and for the free access given to them during the period of their publication.

The production of this volume has involved, so far as the writer is concerned, a considerable expenditure of labor and patience; but he derives satisfaction from the thought that he has placed beyond the probability of destruction, a portion of the annals of the town.

Franklin P. Rice.

September, 1879.

INTRODUCTION.

Worcester was first settled in the year 1674, and was then known as Quinsigamond. At this time six or seven buildings were erected; but the breaking out of King Philip's war the succeeding year caused them to be abandoned and they were destroyed by the enemy. In 1684 the place was incorporated under the name of Worcester, and a settlement made which progressed for a number of years. The history preserved of this second settlement is very meager and unsatisfactory: it failed however, from the same causes that affected the former attempt. In 1702, hostilities with the Indians having been renewed, the settlers in their isolated situation, fearing a general massacre, deserted their homes and the fruits of their labor, and the town once more fell into decay.

The next ten years being a period of unrest on the frontier, no effort was made by the owners to reclaim their possessions. In 1713, affairs having assumed a more favorable aspect, Jonas Rice, a former resident, returned, and laid the permanent foundation of our present prosperous and beautiful city by taking up his abode here with his family. For more than a year they remained the only inhabitants, undergoing the privations and braving the dangers of the wilderness. In 1715 they were joined by Gershom Rice, brother of Jonas, and Nathaniel Moore, names familiar in the history of the town; and these were soon followed by others. From this time the population rapidly increased, and the success and permanency of the settlement were assured. Houses were built; roads were opened; saw and grist mills erected and put in operation; and in the course of time the place assumed the appearance of a busy and thriving town. In 1717 a meeting house was built. In 1718 the inhabitants numbered two hundred souls with fifty-eight

dwellings. The Rev. Andrew Gardner was settled as the first minister in 1719.

Up to this time the settlers had been governed by the proprietors' committee, under a method attended with much inconvenience, and which was now found to be inadequate to the increased requirements of the growing town. Some time after the settlement of Mr. Gardner, unhappy differences arose between him and his people, greatly disturbing the peace and harmony of the community; and much effort was lost in vain attempts to adjust these difficulties. Under the circumstances home government became an imperative necessity; and during the years 1721-2, several petitions were forwarded to the General Court, praying that the inhabitants of Worcester be allowed to assume direction of their own affairs. Accordingly in June 1722, the following Resolve passed the Legislature :—

Resolved,—That the inhabitants of Worcester be vested with the powers and privileges of other towns within this Province ; and that it be earnestly recommended to that Council only of the seven churches which did meet at Worcester in September 1721, to whom the contending parties submitted their differences relating to the Rev. Mr. Andrew Gardner, that the said Council proceed and go to Worcester on or before the first Wednesday in September next, to finish what is further necessary to be done for the procuring and establishing of peace in the said town, according to the submission of the parties ; and that the freeholders and inhabitants of Worcester be assembled on the last Wednesday in September next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to choose all town officers as by law accustomed for towns to do at their annual meeting in March ; and that at the opening of the meeting, they first proceed to the choice of a moderator by written votes.

June 14, 1722. Consented to,

SAM'L SHUTE, *Governor.*

In accordance with the above resolve and by authority of a warrant issued by Francis Fullam, Esq. of Weston, a meeting was convened on the day above named, and the first election of town officers took place as recorded.

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TOWN OF WORCESTER.

A Warrant from Justice Fullam.

Middlesex, ss.

To Messrs. Lieu[t] Jonas Rice & Lieu[t] Henry Lee, both of Worcester, in y[e] County of Middlesix, Greeting:

Whereas the Great & General Court of this his Majesties Province of y[e] Massachusetts Bay in New England, at their sessions Held at Boston y[e] last Wednesday in May, 1722:

Resolved That the Inhabitents of Worcester be vested with the Powers & Privilidges of y[e] other Towns within this Province & y[t] y[e] freeholders & Inhabitents of y[e] Town of Worcester be assembled on y[e] last Wednesday of September 1722 at Ten of y[e] Clock in y[e] forenoon to Chuse all Town Officers as by Law accustomed for Towns to Do at their annual meetings in March and that at y[e] opening of the meeting thay first proceed to the Choice of a modrator by written Votes, as to me the Subscriber of Record apears.

And being this Day Requested & Desired by messrs. Gershom Rice, Jonas Rice, Nath[ll] Moore, Henry Lee, Moses Lenard, To Grant a warrant for the Notifying & assembling y[e] freeholders & Inhabitents accordingly.

These are therfore In His Majesties Name Persuant to y[e] Said Resolve of y[e] General Court to will and Require you y[e] above named Jonas Rice & Henry Lee forthwith to warn & give Notice at Least fourteen Days before y[e] time Perfixt for S[d] meeting to all y[e] freeholders & other Inhabitents of Said Town of Worcester Qualified

according to Law to vote In Said Town affairs to meet at ye Publick meeting house in Worcester on the Last wednesday of September 1722 at Ten of ye Clock in ye forenoon to Chuse all Town Officers as by Law accustomed for Towns to Do at their Annual meetings in March. The Modrator to be first Chosen at ye opening of ye meeting by written votes. The Other Town Officers to Serve for S^d^ Town untill some time in the Month of March Next Ensuing ye Deate hearof. & make Return of this warrant with your Doings hearin under your hand to Mr Gershom Rice one of the freeholders & Principle Inhabitents of Said Town at or before the time perfixt for S^d^ meeting for which this shall be your Sufficiant warrant fail not at your Perril.

Given under my hand and Seal at Weston the 7th Day of September in ye Ninth Year of His Majesties Reign Anno Domini 1722.

FRA FULLAM *Justice of Peace.*

In observance of this warrant we have warned the freeholders & other Inhabitents Qualified as the Law Directs to meet and Assemble at time and place within mentioned.

JONAS RICE.
HENRY LEE.

At a Meeting of freeholders & other Inhabitents of Worcester orderly warned & met on ye Last Wednesday of September 1722 to chuse all Town Officers as the Law Directs

at Said meeting Decon Danil Heywood was Chosen Modrator.
Gershom Rice.

Voted at S^d^ meeting to Chuse five Select men & no more.
Danil Heywood, modtr.

at Said meeting Nath^ll^ Moore, Nath^ll^ Jones, Benj^a^ Flag, Jonas Rice & John Gray wear Chosen Selectmen.
Danil Heywood, modratr.

at S^d^ meeting Jonas Rice was Chosen Town Clark.
Danil Heywood, modrtr.

at S^d^ meeting Nath^ll^ Jones, Jonas Rice & Henry Lee wear chosen Assessors. Danil Heywood, modratr.

at S^d^ meeting Jonathan moore & John Hubbard wear Chosen Constables. Danil Heywood, modrtr.

at S[d] meeting Danil Heywood was Chosen Town Tresurer.
Danil Heywood, modrator.

at S[d] meeting Danil Biglo & Thomas Haggit wear Chosen Surveyers of highways. Danil Heywood, modr.

at S[d] meeting James Holdin & Jacob Holmes wear Chosen Tythingmen. Danil Heywood, modr.

at S[d] meeting william Gray & Richard ward wear Chosen fence Viuers. Danil Heywood, modrat.

at S[d] meeting Nath[ll] Moore was Chosen Clark of y[e] markit.
Danil Heywood, modratr.

at S[d] meeting John Gray was Chosen Sealor of Lether.
Danil Heywood, modr.

at S[d] meeting Robert Peobles & Aaron Adams Chosen hogreefs.
Danil Heywood, modr.

the officers above Named of whome an Oath is Required by Law wear all Sworn to y[e] Faithful Dischard of their office in the presents of the major part of the Selectmen. Jonas Rice, T. Clark.

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at a meeting of the Selectmen october 12th 1722. Concluded that the Contrey Road Shall be the Line between the Constables from Leicester to halfway River. & from thence Said River to be the Line till it Coms to millbrook. thence S[d] brook to be the Line till it Coms up to the contrey Road then the Road to be the Line to Shrewsbury & to be known by the names of South & North Presinct.

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at a meeting of the Inhabitents of Worcester orderly warned & met on October 19th : 1722. at s[d] meeting Nath[ll] Jones was Chosen modrator. Jonas Rice, Town Clark.

at s[d] meeting Decon Danil Heywood, Henry Lee, John Hubbard, James How & Jonas Rice wear Chosen to adjust accounts with the Rev[d] Mr. Andrew Gardner for his Leabours in y[e] work of the work of y[e] ministry and make Return to the Town.
Nath[ll] Jones, modrator.

Granted by the Town at S[d] meeting that there be Ten pounds money Leveyed upon the Inhabitents of Worcester for the Support of the Publick worship of God in S[d] Town. Nath[ll] Jones, modrator.

Voted at S^d^ meeting that Decon Danil Heywood, Henry Lee, Moses Lenard, James How & John Stearns be a Comitte to provid a Suply for the Pullpit for the present. Nath^ll^ Jones, modrator.

Voted at S^d^ meeting y^t^ the Selectmen Do forthwith make Enquiriery what Books there are in the hands of the former Clark that properly [are] ye Towns & Receive the Same & Deliver them to ye Town Clark. Nath^ll^ Jones, modrator.

Voted that it be Left to the Selectmen to provid Standerds for the Clark of the markitt and to provid a pound according to Law on or before the first Day of March next Ensuing.

Nath^ll^ Jones, modrator.

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at a meeting of the Inhabitents of worcester on the Last Wednesday of october, 1722. Jonas Rice was Chosen modrator.

Voted at S^d^ meeting that the Town Do Secure to the Rev^d^ Mr. Andrew Gardner his Temporal Intrest, according to the advice and Result of the Council: & ye Vote of ye propriators of Land in Worcester. Jonas Rice, modrator.

Voted at S^d^ meeting that the Revrend m^r^. Andrew Gardner be Dismest from his ministerial office in worcester according to advice of the Council. Jonas Rice, modrator.

at a meeting of the Inhabitents of Worcester on the Last Wednesday of October, 1722. Voted that a notification posted up on ye meeting house Doore under ye hand of an officer be a Sufficiant warning of a Town meeting for the futer.

Jonas Rice, modrator.

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at a meeting of ye Selectmen, Nov. 6, 1722.

at ye Request of James knap to lay out a highway from ye Contrey Road to said knaps house Lott.

at S^d^ meeting Concluded by ye Selectmen that a highway of 4 Rods wide be Layd out beginning at ye Contrey Road by Lieu^t^. Lees house. So by the East End of S^d^ Lees Land to Benj^a^ Flags Land & So thrugh S^d^ Flags & Isaac Millers Land by marks to ye Land of James Knap, ye highway being on ye westrly side of ye marks, also through James Knaps & James millers Land to y^e^

Land of Coll. Adam Winthrop by a gray oake Tree markt standing near Coll. Winthrops Land.

Nath[l] Jones,
John Gray,
Jonas Rice. } *Selectmen.*

At a meeting of the Selectmen of worcester, Janu[r]. 29 : 1722-3. agreed with Lei[t] Henry Lee to Beiuld a sufficiant pound for Reclaiming of onruly beasts, s[d] pound to be Thirty three feet Square and Seven feet high : of good white oake posts of Eight Inches deep & 6 inches thik : and good oake Rails of 2 inches thik & 6 inches broad at y[e] Least. all to be Don workman Like at or before y[e] first Day of March next Ensuing y[e] Date hearof : S[d] pound to be Erected near y[e] meeting house whear y[e] Selectmen Shall apoint : for which y[e] S[d] Lee is to Recive of y[e] Town of worcester Six pounds money.

Worcester, Janu[r] 29 : 1722-3. Henry Lee.

Nath[l] Jones,
Jonas Rice,
Nath[l] moore. } *Selectmen.*

At a meeting of the Inhabitents of Worcester on the first monday of March. 1722-3 : to Chuse all Town officers as the Law Directs. at said meeting Nat[ll] Jones was Chosen moderator.

at said meeting Cap[t] Nath[l] Jones, Benj[a] Flagg, Henry Lee, John Hubburd and Benj[a] Flagg Junior were Chosen Select men.

Nat[ll] Jones, moderator.

at said meeting Benj[a] Flagg Junior was Chosen Town Clerk.

Na[ll] Jones, moderator.

at said meeting Cap[t]. Nath[l] Jones, Henry Lee and Benj[a] Flagg Junir, were Chosen assessors. Na[ll] Jones, moderator.

at said meeting James Rice and Zepheniah were Chosen Constables, and Both Refused to serve as Constables.

Na[ll] Jones, moderator.

at said meeting Henry Lee was Chosen Town Treasurer.

Na[ll] Jones, moderator.

at Said meeting James Hamilton and James Knap were Chosen Surveyers. Na[ll] Jones, moderator.

at Said meeting James Moore and John Killogth were Chosen Tything men. Na[ll] Jones, moderator.

at Said meeting andrew Farrend and Joseph Crosby were Chosen fence Viewers. Na[ll] Jones, moderator.

at Said meeting Nath[l] Moore was Chosen Clerk of the markit. Na[ll] Jones, moderator.

at Said meeting John Gray was Chosen Sealer of Leather. Na[ll] Jones, moderator.

at Said meeting Jacob Holmes and Dan[el] ward were Chosen Hog Reefes. Na[ll] Jones, moderator.

at Said meeting John Starnes was Chosen pound keeper. Na[ll] Jones, moderator.

voted at Said meeting that the Town will allow Twenty five shillings per day to the several Gentlemen who shall preach the gospel in Said Town Till Further order. Na[ll] Jones, moderator.

The officers Hearafter mentioned being Chosen as Town Officers of Worcester, on the first monday of march, 1722-3 : were Sworn to the Faith full Discharge of their Respective offices in the presence of the major part of the Select men.

Benj[a] Flagg, Town Clerk.

Capt. Na[thl] Jones, Henry Lee and Benj[a] Flagg, assessors : Na[thl] moore, Clerk of the Markit : John Gray, Sealer of Leather : Andrew farrend and Joseph Crosby, Fence viewers : James Hamilton and James Knap, Surveyers of hywayes, Benj[a] Flagg, Town Clerk.

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at A meeting of the Inhabitents of Worcester orderly warn'd and mett on March the 27th : 1723 : at Said meeting Cap[t]. Na[thl] Jones was Chosen moderator. Benj[a] Flagg, Town Clerk.

Voted at Said meeting that the Town Pay Three pounds to Each of the Constables (viz.), to mr. James Rice and to mr. Zepheniah Rice as a gratuity for the gathering of the Tax of three pence per acre Granted by the Great and Generall assembly.

Na[thl] Jones, moderator.

Voted at said meeting that the Town will Raise a Tax of thirty Poundes for the Support of Transient Preaching the word of god in Worcester. Natⁿ Jones, moderator.

Voted at Said meeting that the Swine in Worcester Shall Run at Large the year Ensuing, they being otherwise Regulated as the Law Directs. Natⁿ Jones, moderator.

In the presence of the major Part of the Selectmen, on March the 27th: 1723: James Rice and Zepheniah Rice were Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of the office of Constables for the Present year, and James Moor, John Killogh were Sworn to the Faithfull Discharge of the office of Tythingmen. Benjª Flagg, Town Clerk.

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*At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Worcester orderly warned and meet on Monday the Twenty Second Day of April, 1723, mr. Gershom Rice was Chosen moderator. Benjª Flagg, Town Clerk.

Voted att Said meeting that the Town will Choose a Comᵗᵗᵉᵉ of three men for to Ballance accompts with mr. Cunable, and the Same Comᵗᵗᵉᵉ to Take prudent Care to finish the meeting house in Worcester on the outside and to build the Pulpit and Body of Seates at the Townes Charge. Gershom Rice, modrator.

James Tailor, Decon Danⁿ Heywood and Gershom Rice was Chosen a Comᵗᵗᵉᵉ for the Service above mentioned.

Gershom Rice, modrator.

Voted att Said meeting that the Town will Grant the Request of Mr. James Rice and allow the Road Leading by Said Rices mill to be in Closed for the present year if Said Rice Shall hange a Suffiecient Gate on Each Side of the Inclosier.

Gershom Rice, moderator.

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*The Warrant for this meeting, dated April 13, 1723, contained the following articles of which no record of action appears in the proceedings of the meeting:—

"To know if the Town will Take up and Improve the fifty pounds of Loan mony Granted for the Benifitt of Said Town by the great and genll Court in the year 1720."

"to Know in what maner the Town will Improve the Said fifty pounds of Loan mony."

Att a metting of the Selectmen of Worcester, may the fifteenth, 1723: it was agreed upon that the Road leading through Said Town to Shrewesbury, shall Run on the South of Colonel Stephen minotts Farm, as formerly laid out by the Sub Com^ttee^ of Worcester, (viz.) beginning att a Black oak marked near the Land of Thomas Haggit and so to Run upon a Strait line to a Stump of a Tree which was formerly marked for the Said Road, about half a Rod to the South of Collonel minotts House, upon the Farm aforesaid: and from thence as the Fence Runs upon Said Farm, to an oake marked at the foot of the Hill: So to be Six Rod wide on the South Side of Said markes.

Benjamin Flagg,
Henry Lee,
Benjamin Flagg, Junior. } *Selectmen.*

Jacob Holmes and Daniel ward being Chosen Hog Reives on the first monday of march, 1722-3: made oath to the Faithfull discharge of Said office in the presence of the major Part of the Selectmen, on may 20: 1723. Benjamin Flagg, Town Clerk.

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att a meeting of the Selectmen of Worcester, April the 26: 1723: upon the Request of the Proprietor's Com^tee^ for Perambulating the Ancient Bounds of Worcester, it was Concluded at Said meeting that the Selectmen will notify the Selectmen of Rutland to meet with Capt. Na^thl^ Jones and Lieu^t^ Jonas Rice, (who are in behalf of the Selectmen,) on the 23 day of May, 1723, at the North East Corner of Worcester, there to begin and So Renew the Ancient Bounds of Worcester, So far as Rutland Joynes upon Worcester.
By order of the Selectmen. Benj. Flagg, Town Clerk.

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at a meeting of the Inhabitants of Worcester orderly warned and mett on Tuesday, the fourth Day of June, 1723: Capt. na^thl^ Jones was Chosen moderator. Benj^a^ Flagg, Town Clerk.

the vote of the Town of Worcester made october the Thirty first, 1722, to Secure to mr. Gardner his temporal Enterest accord-

ing to advice and Result of Council and the vote of the proprietors of land in worcester, being laid before the Town at S[d] meeting on June the 4th: 1723, to know whether the Town Included or intended to include the Sixty pounds Settlement or Gratuity in Said vote: it being Tryed by a vote, it passed in the negative.

Na[thl] Jones, moderator.

at Said meeting it was laide before the Town to know whether the Town of Worcester will Grant the Sixty pounds Settlement or Gratuity to mr. Gardner, which he the Said Gardner left to the Generosity of the Town: it being Tryed by a vote, it passed in the negative. Na[thl] Jones, moderator.

att Said meeting Na[thl] Jones and Benj[a] Flagg Junior, was Chosen to defend the Town againest the Suit of mr. andrew Gardner, to be heard and Tried on the Second Tuesday of June, 1723.

Na[thl] Jones, moderator.

June the 4th: 1723: we whose names are under written, Do hereby Decent againest the votes past by the Town of Worcester on the Day above riten, with Reference to the Sixty pounds Gratuity formerly Granted to the Reverend mr. Andrew Gardner, and Baring any Charge of Tryal.

Joseph Crosby,	Thomas Rice,	Richard ward,
Alisha Rice,	Moses Lenard,	Gershom Rice,
Jonathan Moor,	Isaac Miller,	James Rice,
Jonas Rice,	James Holdin,	Edmond Faulkner,
Thomas Haggit,	Jacob Holmes,	Na[thl] Moore,
Jotham Rice,	Zephaniah Rice,	Dan[l] Heywood,
Gershom Rice, Jr.	Josiah Rice,	James Taylor,
Aaron Adams,	Ephraim Rice.	

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at a meeting of the Inhabitents of Worcester orderly warned and mett on June the 24th: 1723: at Said meeting, Lieu[t] Jonas Rice was Chosen moderator. Benj[a] Flagg, Town Clerk.

voted at Said meeting, that the Com[tee] formerly Chosen to Ballance accompts with mr. Gardner: be Com[tee] Still to Reckon with m[r]. Gardner and mak Return to the Town. Jonas Rice, moderator.

voted at Said meeting (at the desior of the Church in Worcester)

that the Town Do Concur with the Church nomanation for a Settlement, and will Choose a Suitable person to Joyn with the Church in Desiering the Gentlemen nomanated to preach in the Church and Town of Worcester, Three Dayes Each, upon Tryal.

Jonas Rice, moderator.

at Said meeting Benj[a] Flagg, Junior, was Chosen to Joyn with the person Chosen by the Church for the Service above mentioned.

Jonas Rice, moderator.

voted at Said meeting that the Town will prefer a petition to the great and Gen[ll] Court or assembly, and pray that they would in theire Great wisdom alter the property of the ministeerial Lott in Worcester, and the Rights belonging to the Same, Laid out or to be laid out in the South half part of Worcester, and propriate the Same for the Benifit of the Town's next Settled minister and his heirs : and the Rest of Said ministeerial Rights to be Laide out in the north half part of worcester, to be Reserved for the first Settled minister in the Said north half part of Worcester, and his heirs.

Jonas Rice, moderator.

at Said meeting Lieu[tt] Jonas Rice and Cap[t]. Na[ll] Jones was Chosen a Com[ttee] to prefer a petition agreeable to the vote above mentioned. Jonas Rice, moderator.

Taken up Damage Fessent and Impounded By Jotham Rice of Worcester, a Bay horse about four years old : Branded with **I G** on the Left Shoulder and **S** on the Left Buttock, with Two white feet behind. Jotham Rice.

Worcester, June the 24 : 1723.

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at a meeting of the Inhabitants of Worcester orderly warned and mett on July the Eighth, 1723 : at Said meeting Cap[t] : Na[ll] Jones was Chosen moderator. Benj[a] Flagg, Town Clerk.

voted at Said meeting (that whereas mr. andrew Gardner hath demanded of the Town of Worcester more than they think it his Due), that the Town will Choose and impower a Com[ttee] of three men to Joyn with the Said mr. Andrew Gardner in Choosing arbetrators who shall Settle and adjust all accompts whatsoever that is

between the Said mr. Gardner and the Town of Worcester, & the Town to pay the Said mr. Gardner all that Shall be awarded them to pay by the arbetrators Chosen as above Said: and that the Said Com^tee^ of three men are to Represent the Town and act in the Towns behalf in all Respects Relating to the arbetration above mentioned. Nat^ll^ Jones, moderator.

voted at Said meeting that Nat^ll^ Jones, John hubbard and Benj^a^ Flagg, Junior, be a Com^tee^ to represent and act in the Towns behalf in Reference to the arbetration above mentioned according to the vote above mentioned. Nat^ll^ Jones, moderator.

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at a meeting of the Inhabitants of Worcester orderly Warned and met on fryday the Second Day of August, 1723: at S^d^ meeting Decon Dan^ll^ Heywood was Chosen moderator.

Benj^a^ Flagg, Town Clerk.

Voted at Saide meeting that the Town Do Chuse and Impower Decon Dan^ll^ Heywood and Lieu^tt^. Henry Lee as a Com^tee^ to agree and Setle all accompts with mr. Andrew Gardner that is between the Town and Said Gardner, in order to prevent his Suing the Town. Dan^ll^ Heywood, moderator.

Taken up and Impounded By Jacob Holmes of Worcester, Hog Reive. Seven Large Swine, marked in the under Side of Each Eare with the figure thus Λ. Jacob Holmes.

Sep^r^: 9: 1723.

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at a meeting of the Inhabitants of Worcester orderly Warned and mett on fryday the 20th of September. 1723: at Said meeting D: Dan^ll^ Heywood was Chosen moderator.

Benj^a^ Flagg, Town Clerk.

voted at Said meeting that the Town will Choose a Com^tee^ of five men to procure ministers to preach god's word in Said Town: D: Na^ll^ moor, James holdin, Gershom Rice, John hubbard and Jonathan moor were Chosen a Com^tee^ for the Service above mentioned. Dan^ll^ Heywood, moderator.

voted at Said meeting that Said Com^tee^ be Impowered to procure Entertainment for Such ministers as shall preach the word of god in Worcester. Dan^ll^ Heywood, moderator.

voted at Said meeting that the Town will Grant forty Seven pounds, one Shilling and ten pence, for to pay what is Expended upon the meeting house in Worcester by Dan^ll^ Heywood, James Taylor & Gershom Rice, a Com^tee^ for finishing Said house.

Dan^ll^ Heywood, moderator.

Strayed by Nat^ll^ Jones of Worcester, a gray horse four or five years old, Branded with **S** on the near Buttuck : also a black horse four or five years old, Branded with **m** on the near Buttuck & a Star on the forehead : also a black horse 3 or 4 years old, branded with **m** on the neare buttuck & a Star on the forehead.

Worcester, Oct^br^ : the 1 : 1723.

Taken up in Damage and Strayed by Dan^ll^ : Ward of Worcester, a Sorril Ronish Horse with **A** blazed in his Face and the Left hinde Foot white, Branded with the Letter **A** on the Left Shoulder, and the Letters **S M** on the Left Buttuck.

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at a meeting of the Inhabitants of Worcester orderly Warned and mett on fryday the Twenty Second Day of November, 1723 : at Said meeting Deacon Dan^ll^ Heywood was Chosen moderator.

Benj^a^ Flagg, Town Clerk.

voted at Said meeting that the meeting be adjourned to the first Monday of December next, at one of the Clock in the afternoon.

Daniel Heywood, moderator.

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at a meeting of the Inhabitants of Worcester orderly met by an adjournment from fryday, the 22 Day of Novem^br^ to monday the Second Day of Decem^br^ : 1723 : voted at S^d^ meeting that the Town will Choose a Com^tee^* to prefer a petition to the Gen^ll^ Court and

*It appears in the warrant, that the Committee appointed in June for this service, had neglected their duty.

pray for the Converting the ministeerial Lands in Worcester agreeable to the Towns vote on the 24 Day of June, 1723.

Dan[ll] Heywood, moderator.

Lieu[tt]. Henry Lee and Ensi. Moses Lenard were Chosen a Com[tee] for the Service above mentioned.

Daniel Heywood, moderator.

Worcester, Janewery the third, 1723-4. A Stray Heifer, Black and white, with a Slitt in Each Eare, off a year and vantage old: Taken up by Richard Ward.

Worcester, Janewery the third, 1723-4. A Stray Heifer, Black and white, with a Slit in Each Eare, of about three years old: Taken up By Gershom Rice.

Taken up and Strayed By William M[c]nal of Worcester, a brown heifer Coming three years old, with her Side Sumthing black, and white under the Belly and neck & Little upon the flanck, and a Slitt in the near Eare with no Brand. and also a Light Red Steer Coming in two years old, with a Swallows Tail Cut out of the near Eare, with a Star in the forehead and a Little white upon the back & between the Legs with no Brand.

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at a meeting of the Inhabitants of Worcester, orderly Warned and met on the Sixth day of January, 1723-4: at S[d] meeting Dec: Dan[ll] Heywood was Chosen moderator. Benj[a] Flagg, Town Clerk.

Voted unanamusly at Said meeting that the Town Do Concur with the Church of Worcester in theire Choise of the Rev[d]: mr. Shearjashub Bourn for the Town's minister.

Dan[ll] Heywood, moderator.

voted at Said meetin that the meeting be adjorned for one hour: and then the town mett at time and place.

Dan[ll] Heywood, moderator.

voted at Said meeting that the Town Doth Grant Seventy five pounds yearly for five years, and then to Rise to Eighty pounds a year: for the maintenance of the Rev[d] mr. Shearjashub Bourn: in Case he Excepts the Call of the Ch'h. and Town of Worcester.

Dan[ll] Heywood, moderator.

voted at Said meeting that the Town Doth Grant one hundred pounds as a Gratuity to the Rev^{d} : mr. Shearjashub Bourn : as part towards his settling in the work of the ministry in Worcester.

Dan^{ll} Heywood, moderator.

voted at Said meeting that the Rev^{d}. mr. Bourn be desiered to Suply the Pulpit untill the Town Can Compleat what they Intend further to ofer for his Setlement, and untill he Shall Give his answer to the Call. Dan^{ll} Heywood, moderator.

voted att Said meeting that Decon moore, moses Leonard and Benj^{a} Flagg : Jn^{r}. be a Com^{tee} to Lay the vote of the Church and Town of Worcester before the Rev^{d} mr. Bourn for his Consideration, and to Desier him to preach in Worcester for the present.

Dan^{ll} Heywood, moderator.

voted at Said meeting that the meeting be adjorned to the 28 day of this Instant January, at the meeting house at 2 of the Clock in the afternoon, for a proprietors meeting to be Called to See what they will give towards the Setlement of the Rev^{d} : Shearjashub Bourn. Dan^{ll} Heywood, moderator.

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att a meeting of the Inhabitants of Worcester orderly mett by an adjornment From monday the Sixth Day of January, 1723-4, to January the 28 : 1723-4 : voted at Said meeting that the meeting be adjorned to the 29 of January Curent, at Twelve of the Clock, at the meeting house in Worcester. Dan^{ll} Heywood, moderator.

To m^{r}. James Rice, Constable for the Town of Worcester, Greeting :

these are to order and Direct you Forthwith to Warn William Hamilton to Depart forthwith with all his Substance From the Town of Worcester, never to Reside there any more—hereof Fail not and mak return of your doings as by Law Directed.

Nat^{ll} Jones,
Henry Lee,
John hubbard,
Benj^{a} Flagg Ju^{r}
} *Selectmen of Worcester.*

In obedience to this order I have Warned William Hambleton to Depart this Town and to Reside here no more.

Worcester, January 25, 1723-4.

James Rice, *Constable for Worcester.*

At a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester orderly warned and mett on monday the Second Day of March, 1723-4 at S^d^ meeting Moses Lenard was Chosen modrator. Benj^a^ Flagg, Town Clark.

at S^d^ meeting Lieu^tt^. Jonas Rice, Gershom Rice, James Taylor, D. Danil Heywood & John Gray wear Chosen Selectmen.

Moses Lenard, modrator.

at S^d^ meeting Jonas Rice was Chosen Town Clark.

Moses Lenard, mod^r^.

at S^d^ meeting Moses Lenard, Zepheniah Rice & Jonas Rice weare Chosen assessers. Moses Lenard, modrator.

at S^d^ meeting James M^c^lellan & Jacob Holms were Chosen Constables. Moses Lenard, mod^r^.

at S^d^ meeting D. Danil Heywood Chosen Town Tresurer.

Moses Lenard, mod^r^.

Moses Rice, Gershom Rice, Junr., Palmer Golding, Robert Lothrige ware Chosen Surveyers of Higways. Moses Lenard, mod^r^.

at S^d^ meeting Richard ward & John Battay ware Chosen Tythingmen. Moses Lenard, mod^r^.

at S^d^ meeting william Gray & Robert Peibles Chosen fence viuers. M L mod^r^.

at S^d^ meeting James Taylor Chosen Clark of ye markitt.

Moses Ln^d^, mod^r^.

at S^d^ meeting Mathew Gray was Chosen Sealer of Lether.

Moses Lenard, mod^r^.

At S^d^ meeting Isaac Moore & Mathew Gray Chosen Hogreives.

The parsons hear after Named being Chosen as Town officers of worcester on ye first monday in March, 1723-4, ware Sworn to ye faithfull Discharg of their Respective offices in ye presence of ye major part of ye Selectmen according to Law, vizt Jonas Rice, Town Clark, Moses Lenard, Zepheniah Rice & Jonas Rice, assessers, James Taylor, Clark of ye markit, James M^c^lellan & Jacob Holms,

Constables, Danil Heywood, Town Tresurer, Moses Rice, Gershom Rice, Palmer Golding, Robert Lothrig, Surveyers of Highways, Richard ward & John Battay, Tythingmen, William Gray, Robert Peibles, fence vieurs, Mathew Gray, Sealor of Lether, Isaac Moore & Mathew Gray, Hogreives. Jonas Rice, Town Clark.

at Said meeting Decon Danil Heywood being Town Tresurer for ye year 1722, brought in his accompt, and there was Due to ye Town From him as Tresurer £ 0, 17 s, 1 d.

the money Due from D. Danil Heywood to ye Town in this acompt is included in his accompts made up with ye Towns Comitte march 2 : 1725. (Marginal note.)

voted at S^d^ meeting that the Town Brand for horses &c, be ye figure 2 on ye Left Buttuck.

voted at S^d^ meeting that ye Swine Run at Large ye present year, they being other ways Reglated as ye Law Directs.

Moses Lenard, modrator.

At a meeting of ye Inhabitents of ye Town of worcester, March 23 : 1724, for ye manigment of ye affairs of S^d^ Town, at S^d^ meeting Cp^t^. Nath^ll^ Jones was Chosen modrator. Jonas Rice, T. Clark.

voted at S^d^ meeting that a Tax or Assessment of Thirty five pound money be forthwith Levied on ye Inhabitents of S^d^ Town of Worcester for ye Support of ye publick preaching of Gods word in S^d^ Town. Nath^ll^ Jones, modr.

voted that there be three parsons Chosen to Sarve as a Comitte to take Care that ye pulpit be Suplied with Trantchant Preaching & to provid Suitable Quarters for ye ministers. The three parsons Chosen for that Sarvice are Cp^t^. Nath^ll^ Jones, James Rice, Allixander M^c^konky.

Voted that Cp^t^. Jones, Zepheniah Rice & Jonas Rice be a Comitte to Receive ye accompts of Henry Lee, Tresurer for ye year past & make Return to the Town. Nath^ll^ Jones, modrator.

Voted that a Tax or assessment of Thirty pound money be forthwith Levied on ye Inhabitents of Worcester for ye further finishing ye meeting house in S^d^ Town & for providing of Standerds for weights & mesurs for ye Towns use. Nath^ll^ Jones, modrator.

At a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester on May 15th : 1724. Regularly warned for ye manigment of Town affairs, at S^d^ meeting Jonas Rice being Chosen modrator, ye following votes ware past.

Voted at S^d^ meeting that there be a Comitte Chosen Consisting of nine Parsons for ye Seeting ye meeting house, and ye Rule to be prinsiply observed by them in Seeting Shall be ye Two Last Invoices taken of ye Rateable Estate of ye Town of Worcester, Saveing a Liberty to ye S^d^ Comitte to have a Due Reference to Prinsipel Beuilders as thay See Cause. Jonas Rice, mod^r^.

The Parsons Chosen as above are—

De. Danl Heywood,	L. Henry Lee,	D. Nath^ll^ Moore,
Ens. Moses Lenard,	Gershom Rice,	Capt. Nath^ll^ Jones,
Palmer Golding,	James How,	Jonas Rice.

voted that ye Pues be granted out to perticular Parsons & their families by ye Comitte Chosen as above. Jonas Rice, mod^r^.

[The date of this meeting, according to the Warrant, was May 26, 1724.]

Voted that ye Galleries in ye meeting house in worcester be finished as Soon as may be of [by?] ye Town. Gershom Rice, mod^r^.

Voted at S^d^ meeting that ye Town Do Receive their Proportion of money in ye Publick Bank alotted them by ye Province* & Improve S^d^ money for ye further finishing of ye meeting house in S^d^ Town of worcester.

at S^d^ meeting Cp^t^. Nath^ll^ Jones & Ens. Moses Lenard wear Chosen Trustees for ye Town of worcester, to Receive S^d^ money & give Security according to ye act of General Court in behalf of ye Town. Gershom Rice, mod^r^.

Voted that James Rice, John Hubbard & Moses Rice be a Comitte to take Care that ye Galeries in ye meeting house be finished. Gershom Rice, mod^r^.

At a meeting of ye Selectmen of worcester, March 24th, 1724. at ye Request of James Taylor, Moses Lenard, Palmer Golding &

*Probably the grant made by the General Court in 1720. See Note, p. 15.

others, for ye Stating a way from ye house of S^d^ Golding to ye meeting house & haveing taken a vew of ye Premises & fiending it of Necessity, it was agreed upon that a way of Three Rods wide be Stated, begining at a white oake Tree Standing a Littel NorthEast of S^d^ Goldings Dwelling house, & so by mark trees Standing on ye North Side of S^d^ highway thrugh ye Land of Palmer Golding, Isaac Wheelor & Gershom Rice till it Comes to ye Brook at westerly Eand of Pine medow, then Crossing S^d^ Brook & over ye pine Plain by mark trees to ye mill Brook & Crossing ye Brook at ye South Eand of ye School Land & So by S^d^ School Land to ye meetinghous.

Jonas Rice,
Gershom Rice,
James Taylor,
Danil Heywood. } *Selectmen.*

At a meeting of ye Selectmen of Worcester, March 24 : 1724, at ye Request of Moses Rice, James Moore, Ephriam Roper & Isaac Moore for ye Stating of a higway from their houses to ye meetinghouse, & we having taken a veiw, have Stated a highway of 3 Rods wide as followeth, vizt : begining at ye North Easterly Corner of Danil wards Lott near ye meetinghouse, from thence Running 3 Rods wide through ye house Lott of ye S^d^ Danil ward adjoyning to S^d^ wards Northerly Line, thence Running through Several Lots & Dividends of Land by mark trees Standing on ye Southerly Side of S^d^ highway to ye houses of Jonas moore & moses Rice.

Jonas Rice,
Gershom Rice,
James Taylor,
Danil Heywood. } *Selectmen.*

Worcester, May 20 : 1724.

We ye Subscribers, being apointed a Comitte by ye Inhabitents of worcester at their meeting on May 15, 1724, to Seet ye meeting house in S^d^ Town, as also to grant Suitable places on the floore for Pues to perticular parsons & families, and having taken into

Consideration ye S^d^ affair according to ye Directions given us, we have proceeded as follows—

viz. granted to ye Honrble Adam Wintrhop, Esqr. ye first Pue on ye Right Side of ye frunt Dore.

granted to Thomas Palmer, Esqr. & Compeny place for a pue next adjoyning to Coll. wintrhops pue on ye Right Side of ye frunt Dore.

granted to mr. Danil Henchman & Compeny place for a pue next adjoyning to ye pue of Judg Palmer & Compeny in ye frunt of ye house.

granted to M^r^. John Smith place for ye first pue on ye Left Side of ye frunt Dore, being next to ye Dore.

granted to Dec. Nath^ll^ Moore place for ye Second pue on ye Right Side of ye East Dore.

granted to M^r^. Moses Lenard, place for a pue adjoyning on ye Right Side of ye East Dore.

granted to M^r^. Palmer Golding place for a pue on ye Left Side of ye East Dore.

granted to Jonas Rice place for a pue adjoyning on ye Left Side of ye Pulpitt.

granted to L. Henry Lee place for a pue next adjoyning to that granted to Jonas Rice.

granted to Zepheniah Rice place for a pue adjoyning to that granted to L. Lee & that granted to D. Moore.

granted to Cp^t^. Nath^ll^ Jones place for a pue adjoyning on ye Left Side of ye west Dore.

granted to M^r^. John Hubbard place for a pue next adjoyning to that granted to Cp^t^. Jones.

granted to D. Danil Haywood place for a pue adjoyning to ye pue bieult for the minister.

granted to M^r^. James How place for a pue on ye Right Side of ye West Dore.

granted to M^r^. James Taylor place for a pue on ye Left Side of ye frunt Dore adjoyning to ye pue granted to M^r^. John Smith.

granted to M^r^. Jonathan Moore place for a pew next adjoyning to that granted to James Taylor on ye Left hand of ye frunt Dore.

Seeted in ye fore Seet.

Gershom Rice,
James Rice,
John Gray,
Benj^a Flag,
James Taylor,
Isaac miller,
John Stearns,
Jonathan moore.

Seeted in ye Second Seet.

Thomas Haggitt,
Aaron Adams,
James Holdin,
Gershom Rice, jun^r.
Danil ward,
Joseph Crosby.
James Knap,
Jacob Holmes.

Seeted in the third Seet.

Josiah Rice,
Moses Rice,
Benj^a Flag, jun^r.
Richard ward,
Mathew Gray,
James moore,
John Dunken,
Peter King.

Seeted in the fourth Seet.

Benj^a Townsend.
William Gray,
Ephriam Rice,
Danil Biglo,
Edmund Faulkner,
Thomas Rice,
Ebenezer Biglo,
Richard Wheelor.

Seeted in ye fifth Seet.

Hamblton on ye Right of Smith.
M^cnal on ye Right of Smith.
Peables on ye Right of Palmer.
J. McClellend on ye Right of Palmer.
Ferrend on ye Right of Palmer.
McKonky on ye Right of Palmer.
Keloah on ye Right of Palmer.
Lortridg on ye Right of Minott.

Seeted in ye Sixth Seet.

william M^clellen.
David young on ye Right of Wintrhop.
J. Bety on ye Right of Palmer.
W. Mahon on ye Right of Palmer.
James M^clellen.
Beard on ye Right of Dikson.

as it is Seeted by us,

Nath^ll Moore,
Nath^ll Jones,
Gershom Rice,
Jonas Rice,
Danil Heywood,
Palmer Golding,
Henry Lee.
} *Comitt.*

[Warrant.]

To mr. James mclellen, Constable of Worcester, Greeting:

wharas ye Church of Christ in worcester have Lately proceeded to a Choice of ye Revd mr. Thomas white to be their minister & have also applied themselves to us, ye Subscribers, for y^t^ Calling of a meeting of the Inhabitents of S^d^ Town for their Concurrence with ye Churches Choice—

These are therefore to Require you forthwith to warn all ye freeholders & other Inhabitents of & belonging to this Town, Duly Qualified to vote in ye Setlement of a minister, to meet & assemble at ye meeting house in worcester on Thursday ye Tenth of Septmbr next Ensuing, at two of ye Clock, afternoon, then & there, the Church having made Choice of ye Rev^d^ mr. Thomas white for their minister, first to See if ye Town will Concur with ye Churchs Choice. 2. if the Town Shall Concur as aforesd, then to See if ye Town will grant Suitable Encourigment for his Setlement & Suport.

By order of ye Selectmen,

worcester, august 27: 1724. Jonas Rice, To. Clark.

At a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester, September ye 10: 1724, Regularly warned and met, at S^d^ meeting Nath^ll^ Moore was Chosen modrator.

at S^d^ meeting Benj^a^ Flagg & Gershom Rice wear Chosen to make Adress to the Rev^d^ mr. Thomas White in behalf of ye Church & Town for his further Assistence in ye work of ye Gospel.

voted that ye meeting be adjourned untill 28 of Sep^t^. at 10 of y^t^ Clock before noon at ye meeting house.

At a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester, Sep^t^. Tenth, orderly warned, at S^d^ meeting James Taylor was Chosen mod^r^.

voted at S^d^ meeting that the Town Do Accept of Return of Lieu^t^. Henry Lee, Tresurer for ye year 1723, So far as it Refers to the Tax of 3 pence ℔ acre on all ye Land in worcester.

James Taylor, mod.

Voted at S^d^ meeting that ye Town Do accept of the Return of ye Comitte Impowered to Setle accompts with Lieu^t^. Henry Lee, Tresurer for ye year 1723, and that it be put upon Record So far

as it Refers to ye Tax of Thirty pound & So far as it Refers to ye Tax of forty Seven pound, one Shilling & Ten pence.

James Taylor, mod^r^.

At a meeting of ye Inhabitents of worcester October ye Twelveth, 1724, orderly warned, at S^d^ meeting Jonas Rice was Chosen modrator. Jonas Rice, T. Clark.

voted at S^d^ meeting that Cp^t^. Nath^ll^ Jones, James Rice & Alectsander M^c^onky be a Comitte to treat with ye Rev^d^ M^r^. Burr in behalf of ye Town for his Continuence in S^d^ Town a tarm of time, as they may agree, in ye work of ye Gospel. Jonas Rice, mod.

Voted that a Tax or Assessment of Thirty pounds money be Leveyed on ye pols & Estats of the Inhabitents of worcester for ye Suport of ye ministry. Jonas Rice, mod^r^.

Voted that John Keolah be ye parson to Sweep ye meeting house for ye year Ensuing.

Voted that Jacob Holmes & Zepheniah Rice be a Comitte to Dispose of ye Lime that has been provided for Sealing ye meeting house or to Secure & presarve S^d^ Lime, making Return to ye Town.

J. Rice, mod^r^.

voted that ye Town Do Accept of ye Return of D. Danil Heywood & L. Henry Lee, being a Comitte formerly apointed to Setle accompts with ye Rev^d^ m^r^. Andrew Gardner upon ye acount of his ministry in worcester. Jo^n^. Rice, mod^r^.

voted that Twelve Shillings money be Elowed to m^r^. James Rice for Repairing his house for the publick worship of God.

Jonas Rice, mod^r^.

voted that ye Town Do accept ye pound Erected by L. Henry Lee in ye place whear it Now Stands, with ye Security given by John Stearns for ye use of ye Land whearon ye pound Stands.

Jonas Rice, mod^r^.

voted that Six pound, Twelve Shillings be added to ye Tax of 30^£^ allredy granted for ye Suport of ye ministry, S^d^ money to be payd, vizt: £6-0-0 to L. Lee for ye pound, and Twelve Shilings to James Rice for repairing his house. Jonas Rice, mod^r^.

Know all men by These Prsnts, that I John Starnes of Worcester in the County of mid^x. in his majesties Province of the Massatchusets Bay in New England, Yeoman, for divers Causes & Considerations me at Present moveing, and more Especialy Considering that Lieu^t. Henry Lee heth Erected a pound for ye use of ye Town of worcester afores^d, on a peace of Land in my possession, near my Dwelling house in worcester, I Do hearby Covenant. Promis & Ingag that ye Town or Inhabitents of worcester afores^d, Shall & may by force of these Presnts have, hold, use & occupy ye S^d peace of Land whearon ye S^d pound Now Stands ye full term of Twenty years next Ensuing ye Date hearof, without any Lawfull molestation, Contridiction or Denial of me ye S^d John Starnes, my heirs, Executor, Administrators or Assines, or any other parson or parsons whatsoever.

In witness whearof, I have hearunto Set my hand & Seal this fifteenth Day of may, in ye year of our Lord one Thousend, Seven & Twenty four, & in ye Tenth year of ye Reign of our Soveraign Lord George, by ye Grace of God, of Great Brittain, france & Irland, King, Defender of ye Faith, *&c.*

Signed, Sealed & Delivered JOHN STARNES.
In presence of us,
Zephaniah Rice,
Jacob Holmes.

Dec. 22 : 1724. at Worcester.

Received of Jacob Holmes, Constable, a half buishil, a peck and half a peck, a yard wan, one ale quart, one wine quart, one pint, one half pint and one Jll, one Steel Beeam, one foure pound & two pound, one pound & half pound, one quarter, one 2 ounc, one ounc, one half ounc, one quarter ounc.

I Say Recd ℔ me,
James Taylor, Clark of ye Markitt.

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*At a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester February 8th,

*The warrant for this meeting contained an article as follows:—
"whearas it Doth apear that Several of the Inhabitents of ye Town are

1724-5, Regularly warned, at S^d^ meeting Nath^ll^ Jones Chosen mod^r^.
Jonas Rice, T. Clark.

Voted that there be a Tax of fifty pounds Levied on ye Inhabitents of worcester for ye Erecting of Several Bridges & Repairing ye highways in ye Town of worcester, Deducting out of Each parsons Rate or proportion So much as he hath alredy Don in work at ye highways, his work to be adjudged by a Comitte apointed for that purpos. Nath^ll^ Jones, mod^r^.

Voted that D. Nath^ll^ Moore, James Taylor & Benj^a^ Flagg be a Comitte to Elow ye accompts of Such parsons as as have Don work on the highways as above mentioned. Nath^ll^ Jones, mod^r^.

Voted, whearas Ebenezer Biglo hath made a motion to ye Town that he may be Excused from working at ye highways in Case he Shall Erect and keep in good Repair a Sufficant Cart Bridg over ye River Called French River in ye Road Leading to Oxford, that ye S^d^ Ebinezer Biglo be Excused So Long as he Shall Comply with & ful fill ye proposels above S^d^. Nath^ll^ Jones, modrator.

Voted that the Tax for Building of Bridges & Repairing of high ways be made & Dilevered to ye Constables with Sufficant warrant to Colect ye Same, & to accomt with the Tresurer at or before ye first of March, 1725-6, & also that a List or Coppy of S^d^ Tax be Comitted to ye Surveyers & the Said Surveyers to Return ye Names of Such as Shall neglect or Refuse to work, being Seasonably notified, to the Constables at or before ye first of January next Ensuing.
Nath^ll^ Jones, mod^r^.

Voted that the Town will proceed & finish the Galleries in the meetinghouse. Nath^ll^ Jones, mod^r^.

Richard wheeler, Tiras Rice & Benj^a^ Flagg Decented against Building ye Galleries.

At a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester, on Feb^r^. 10, : 1724-5,

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Disatisfied with Reference to the Seeting of ye meeting house: That those parsons may have opertunity to make their agrievences known in ye presence of ye Town & give their Reasons therefor, & for ye Town to Consider & Come into Some proper method for Redress whearin it may apear thay are wronged, Either by finishing ye Galleries or Some other way as ye Town Shall See meet, agreeable to ye Ruls given for Seeting Sd house."

Regularly warned for Calling a minister, at S[d] meeting, D. Nath[ll] Moore being Chosen modrator, y[e] following votes ware past, viz[t]:

Voted that y[e] Town Do freely Concur whith y[e] Church in their Choice of y[e] Rev[d] m[r]. Isaac Burr to be y[e] minister of y[e] Town of worcester. Nath[ll] moore, modr.

Voted & granted to y[e] Rev[d] m[r]. Isaac Burr for & towards his Setlement in y[e] work of the ministry in worcester, too hundred pounds money or the value thereof in Land to his acceptence in Case he accepts of the Call of y[e] Curch & Town of worcester & be in time Ordained in office thear: that is to Say, one hundred pound to be payd within Six months after his acceptence, & also one hundred pound at or on the Expiration of Twelve months thence next after his acceptence as above Said. Nath. moore, mod.

voted, granted to y[e] Rev[d] mr. Isaac Burr for his yearly Salerie in Case he Setles in y[e] work of y[e] ministry in worcester, Eighty pounds money, to be payd him by too Taxes Levied on y[e] Inhabitents Anualy. Nath. moore, mod[r].

voted that D. Nath[ll] Moore, D. Heywood, mr. John Gray, mr. Gershom Rice & Lieu[t]. Lee be a Comitte to present to y[e] Rev[d] m[r]. Burr y[e] votes of y[e] Town & to waite on him for his answer & make Return to y[e] Town. Nath[ll] moore, modrator.

At a meeting of y[e] Inhabitents of Worcester, orderly warned & met on the first monday of march, 1724-5, for y[e] Choice of Town officers, at Said meeting Jonas Rice was Chosen modrator.

James Mclellen, Constable.

at S[d] meeting D. Nath[ll] Moore, Moses Lenard, James M[c]lellen, Benj[a] Flagg, junr. & James Holdin wear Chosen Selectmen.

Jonas Rice, mod[r].

at S[d] meeting Jonas Rice was Chosen Town Clark.

at S[d] meeting Cp[t]. Nath[ll] Jones, Benj[a] Fllagg, jun[r]. & Jonathan Moore wear Chosen Assessors. Jonas Rice, modrator.

The Town of Worcester having at their meeting on march 1st, 1725, apointed us y[e] Subscribers, a Comitte to Examin y[e] accompts of Dec. Danil Heywood, Tresurer for y[e] year 1724, and we having Examined into S[d] accompts, it apears to us that he hath Recd in

of ye Towns money one hundred & Seventy four pound, fourteen Shilings & Eleven pence, and payd out to ye Towns Crediters one hundred & Seventy pound, Eighteen Shilings & three pence, which together with three pound, Sixteen Shilings, Eight pence which we have Recd, amounts to ye Sum which he hath Recd, which is to be a Discharg to ye Said Tresurer in full.

Jonas Rice,
Jonathan Moore, } *Comitte.*
Zephaniah Rice.

march 2 : 1725. Recd of ye Comitte above mentioned, for ye use of ye Town, three pound, Sixteen Shilings & ninepence.

Nath^ll^ Moore, Tresurer.

at a meeting of ye Inhabitents ol Worcester, March first, 1724-5, James Taylor & Gershom Rice wear Chosen Constables for ye year Ensuing. Jonas Rice, modr.

at S^d^ meeting D. Nath^ll^ moore was Chosen Town Tresurer.

J. R., mod.

at S^d^ meeting Palmer Golding & Gershom Rice wear Chosen Surveyers of highways.

at S^d^ meeting Robert Peables & James Hamblton wear Chosen Tythingmen.

at S^d^ meeting Aaron Adams & Josiah Rice wear Chosen fence Viwers.

at S^d^ meeting James Taylor Chosen Clark of ye markitt.

Mathew Gray at S^d^ meeting Chosen Sealor of Lether.

at S^d^ meeting Tirias Rice & Thomas Haggitt Chosen hogreives.

Jonas Rice, modrator.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned for half an hour to ye house of mr. John Hubbard. Jonas Rice, modr.

S^d^ meeting being adjourned half an houre as above S^d^ & then met : Voted that Jonas Rice, Zephaniah Rice & Jonathan Moore wear Chosen to Setle accompts with Danil Heywood, Town Tresurer for ye year 1724. Jonas Rice, modr.

The Several parsons hearafter Named, being Chosen Town officers of Worcester on ye first monday of march, 1725, for ye year Ensuing, wear Sworn to ye faithfull Discharg of their Respective

offices in ye presence of ye major part of ye Selectmen as ye Law Directs. Jonas Rice, T. Clark.

Gershom Rice, Constable for ye north preesinct.
James Tayler, Constable for ye South preesinct.

Robert Peables, James Hamblton. } *Tythingmen.*

Gershom Rice, Palmer Golding. } *Surveyors of Highways.*

Aaron Adams, Josiah Rice. } *fence Viewers.*

Mathew Gray, *S. of L.*

Tiras Rice,
Thomas Haggitt, *hogreives.*

by order of Selectmen,
Jonas Rice, T. Clark.

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester orderly warned and met on April the 5th, 1725, at S^d^ meeting mr. Gershom Rice was Chosen modrator.

Voted at S^d^ meeting that ye Swine Run at Larg this present year, thay being otherways Regulated according to Law.

Gershom Rice, modrator.

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*at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of worcester on May 18: 1725. orderly warned, at S^d^ meeting Decon Danil Heywood was Chosen modrator. Jonas Rice, T. Clark.

Voted at S^d^ meeting that Wednesday ye 13th of October next, be ye Day apointed for the Ordination of ye Rev^d^ m^r^. Isaac Burr to ye pastoral office in worcester. Danil Heywood, modr.

Voted that there be a Comitte of five men Chosen to take Effectual Care to prevent Catle & horses being Brought into ye Town belonging to Such parsons who are not propriators or freeholders in S^d^ Town, and to prevent such Catle & horses Continueing in S^d^

*One article in the warrant calling this meeting, was—

"to Deput a parson to Serve for & Represent them in a Great & Genll Court or assembly apointed to be convened, held & kept for his majesties Sarvice, at ye Court House in Boston, upon wednesday ye Twenty Sixt Day of may next Ensuing ye Date hereof."

Town that are Brought in alredy, Either by Petition for them to be Taxed or any other way. Danil Heywood, modrat.

at S^d^ meeting Gershom Rice, Benj^a^ Flagg, jun., James Holdin, Robert Peabls & Aaron Adams wear Chosen a Comitte to prevent Catle & horses as above S^d^. Danil Heywood, mod^r^.

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at a meeting of the Inhabitents of Worcester orderly warned and met on monday the Sixth Day of Sept^r^, 1725, at Said meeting mr. James Taylor was Chosen modrator. Gershom Rice, Constable.

Voted at S^d^ meeting that if the former Comitte for Seeting ye meetinghouse in worcester will proceed & Compleat the Seeting of ye meetinghouse above & below in S^d^ Town: that then the vote made upon the first article* in ye warning of this meeting to be voide, ye above Comitte to make Return to the Town.

Voted that Cp^t^. Nath^ll^ Jones, James Taylor & John Hubbard be a Comitte to take Efectual Care forthwith for ye finishing ye meetinghouse in worcester at ye Towns Charg by providing materials & agreeing with a workeman to Do S^d^ work & See that it be well Don. J. T., modr.

Voted that the Churches aplied to for assistence in ye ordination of ye Rev^d^ m^r^. Isaac Burr be as follows, vizt: Hartford, Framingham, marlbrough, Lancaster, Leicester, Sudbury, weston, Shrewsbury. Jam Taylor, modr.

Voted that Decon N^ll^ moore be ye parson to Entertain ye Elders & messengers at ye ordination of ye Rev^d^ mr. Burr.

J. T., modr.

Voted that Ten pounds money be Elowed & payd to Dec. Nath^ll^ moore out of ye Town Tresurey for Entertaining ye Elders & messengers at ye ordination of ye Rev^d^ mr. Isaac Burr. J. T., mod^r^.

Voted that fifty pounds money be assessed on ye Ratable Inhabitents of worcester for ye further finishing of ye meeting house in S^d^ Town. James Taylor, modrator.

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*The first article read as follows:—

"to See if ye Comitte for Seeting ye meeting house & granting ye Pews in worcester have proceeded in that affair agreeable to ye Instructions given them by ye Town, & if not, to Dismist Said Comitte with a non Concurence of what thay have Don: So that ye Seeting of ye meeting house & granting ye Pews may Remain in ye hands of ye Town as before."

*at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of ye Town of worcester, orderly warned & met on ye first Day of December, 1725, Jonas Rice was Chosen modr. James Taylor, Constable.

Voted at S^d^ meeting that ye Town Do Joyn with ye Propriators in makeing application to ye General Assembly to be enabled to Levy a Tax of one hundred pound money on ye Divided and undivided Land in ye South half of worcester for ye payment of ye one half of the two hundred pound granted by the Town to ye Rev^d^ mr. Isaac Burr for his Setlement in ye work of ye ministry in S^d^ Town.

J. R., m^d^.

Voted that Decon N. moore & mr. Gershom Rice be a Comitte to provide a Suitable parson to Sweep ye meeting house for one year. Jonas Rice, mod.

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester on March the first. 1726, orderly warned for ye Choice of Town officers as ye Law Directs, mr. James Tailor was Chosen modrator.

Gershom Rice, Constable.

at S^d^ meeting mr. James Tailor, Lei^t^. Moses Lenard Decr. Danil Heywood, D. Nath^ll^ Moore, & mr. Benj^a^. Flagg junr. Chosen Selectmen.

at S^d^ meeting Lt. Jonas Rice Chosen T. Clark.

at S^d^ meeting mr. Zeph. Rice, James Holdin & william Gray Chosen Assessors.

at ye meeting above S^d^ Palmer Golding & James How Chosen Constabls.

at S^d^ meeting mr. James Tailor Chosen Town Tresurer.

Robert Peables and James moore, Surveyers of highways.

mathew Gray and James Rice, Tythingmen.

Thomas Stearns & Danil ward, fence viwers.

James Tailor, Clark of ye markt.

mathew Gray, Sealor of Lether.

Andrew Ferrend & Jotham Rice, hogreives.

James Tailor, modrator.

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*The last article in the warrant for this meeting read as follows:—

"to See if ye Town will take Efectual Care & provide a writting School to Instruct ye Youth in Sd Town."

Voted that Cpt. Nath[ll] Jones, De. Danil Heywood & Lt. Moses Lenard be a Comitte to adjust accounts with D. Nath[ll] moore, Town Tresurer, and make return to y[e] Town.

James Tailor, modr.

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*at a meeting of y[e] Inhabitents of worcester, march 1 : 1725-6, at 4 of y[e] Clock afternoon, to regulate y[e] Singing in publick, mr. James Rice was Chosen modr. Jonas Rice, T. Clark.

Voted at S[d] meeting that y[e] Psalms be Sung by y[e] Congration for y[e] future in y[e] Ruleable way. James Rice, modr.

The Several parsons hear after Named being Chosen Town Officers of worcester on y[e] first Day of march, Anno Dom. 1726, for y[e] year Ensuing, weare Sworn to y[e] faithfull Discharg of their Respective offices in y[e] presence & by order of y[e] major part of y[e] Selectmen as y[e] Law Directs, viz[t] : Jonas Rice.

James Holdin,	James How,	James Tailor,
william Gray,	mathew Gray,	mathew Gray,
James Tailor,	Robert Peables,	Thomas Stearns,
Palmer Golding,	James moore,	Danil ward.

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at a meeting of y[e] Inhabitents of worcester on april 4 : 1726, orderly warned, mr. James Tailor being Chosen modrator, y[e] following Votes wear past :

Voted that no Inhabitent of worcester bring in or receive any Cattel or horses whatsoever to run or feed on y[e] Common of any parson or parsons, Excepting Such as properly belong to propriators or freeholders of Said Town, upon the penalty of paying in to y[e] Town Tresurer of S[d] Town three Shillings pr Each so Received or brought in as afores[d] for y[e] use of y[e] Town.

Voted that Lieu[t]. Henry Lee Do forthwith make application to y[e] Court of General Sessions of y[e] peace in behalf of y[e] Town for y[e] Confirmation of y[e] above written vote. James Tailor, modr.

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*In the warrant the inhabitents were called "to Consider & vote which way ye Congration in Sd Town Shall Sing in publick for ye future, whether ye Rulable way or ye usual way."

Voted at S[d] meeting that y[e] Town is Debter to y[e] Several parsons hearafter named the particluar Sums afixed to their names. vizt :

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
To Nathll moore,	01	18	00
Benja. Flagg, junr.	00	02	00
Jonas Rice, Zeph Rice & moses Lenard,	03	06	00
James Rice,	00	14	06
Jonas Rice & Zeph. Rice, each,	00	04	00
James Rice,	03	00	00
James Tailor, Gershom Rice & Danil Heywood,	00	18	00
Henry Lee,	03	00	00
Danil Heywood,	02	06	00
Nathll Jones, Benja. Flagg, junr. & Jonathan moore,	03	00	00
to Danil ward,	00	16	00
to Jonas Rice & Aaron Adams,	01	00	00
to Benja. Flagg,	01	00	00
to Nathll. Jones, Henry Lee & Benja. Flagg, junr.	02	18	00
to Thomas Stearns,	09	06	00
to Danil Heywood,	02	10	00
to Zeph. Rice,	02	08	00
to Nathll. Jones,	00	19	09
to Nathll. Jones,	02	01	07
to Nathll. Jones,	00	06	00
to John Hubbard,	00	16	00
to Nathll. Jones,	00	06	00
to John Hubbard,	00	06	00
to James Taylor,	00	06	00
to Nathll. Jones,	01	00	00
to Gershom Rice,	02	10	00
to Jacob Holmes,	00	10	00
to Palmer Golding,	00	02	00
to Robert Pebles,	00	05	00

Voted that the meeting be adjourned to the Sixth Day of april, Current, at one of y[e] Clock after noon, at y[e] meeting house in S[d] Town.

James Taylor, mod[r].

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at a meeting of y[e] Inhabitents of worcester by adjournment from y[e] first monday of april, 1726 : to y[e] Sixth Day of y[e] S[d] month & then met—

Voted that Twenty Six ponnd, four Shilings of y[e] Sums granted to y[e] Several parsons above named for Sarvice Don for y[e] Town, be assessed of y[e] Inhabitents of S[d] Town with y[e] fifty pounds alredy granted for y[e] further finishing of y[e] meeting house.

Voted that y[e] Selectmen forthwith take Care and provid a Sufficiant Schoole for y[e] Education of Youth in S[d] Town of worcester.

Voted that mr. James Tailor, mr. Benj[a] Flagg, [Junr.] & mr. Palmer Goulding be a Comitte to take Care forthwith that y[e] Town be provided with a Stock of amunition as y[e] Law Directs.

James Tailor, modr.

*At a meeting of ye Inhabitents of worcester on may 13 : 1726, Dec. Nath^ll^ moore was Chosen modr. Jonas Rice, T. Clark.

Voted that ye Town axepts of ye Return of ye Comitte apointed to Setle acompts with Decon Nath^ll^ moore, T. Tresurer.

Voted that the Town Doth Elow ye County Rate to be added to & made with ye rate allredy granted for further finishing of ye meetinghouse.

Voted that Thanks be returned to ye Hon^rbl^ Adam wintrhop, Esqr. for his bounty in bestowing a Cushing on ye Town as furniture for ye pulpit. and that ye Town Clerk present his Honr a Coppy of S^d^ vote. Nath^ll^ moore, modrator.

Worcester, april 5th, 1726. the accoumpt of Nath^ll^ moore, Tresurer for the year 1725 :

the Towns Creditt.	£.	s.	d.
Received of James Mclellend, Constable, being in full	03	10	06
of his arears on a Tax granted by ye Town of	35	12	00
Received of James Mclelend, Constable, on a Tax of Thirty pound,	02	12	10
Received of Jacob Holmes, Constable, on a Tax of Thirty pound,	09	11	10
Received of Jacob Holmes, Constable, on a Tax of Thirty five pound,	16	09	00
Received of James Tailor, Constable, on a Tax of fourty pound	16	10	00
Received of Gershom Rice, Constable, on a Tax of fourty pound,	13	14	08
Received of Zeph. Rice, Constable, on a Tax on ye Land,	12	16	06
Received of James Rice, Constable, on a Tax on ye Land,	08	15	00

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*One article in the warrant calling this meeting was as follows:

"——to Elect & Depute a parson to Sarve for & Represent them in a grate & General Court or assembly apointed to be Convened, held & kept for his majesties Sarvice at ye Court House in Boston, upon wednesday, ye Twenty fifth Day of may next Ensuing ye Date hearof."

It does not appear in the records of the meetings that a representative was chosen, either on this or the previous year. (See note, page 35.)

ye Towns

Debter	£.	s.	d.
to mr. John Watson,	08	00	00
to mr. James Rice,	03	08	00
to abisha Rice,	00	18	00
to mr. Benja. Flagg, jr.	01	10	08
to mr. Zepheniah Rice,	01	05	06
to mr. Zepheniah Rice,	00	07	06
to mr. Danil ward,	00	12	00
to Palmer Golding for mr. Samuel Jenison,	01	00	00
to mr. Palmer Golding for mr. Samuel Jenison,	01	00	00
to ye rd mr. Isaac Burr	06	13	00
to mr. B. Isaac Burr,	01	00	00
to mr. Andrew Gardner,	12	16	06
to ye Revd mr Fits Gearld,	02	00	00
to mr. Benja. Flagg,	00	07	06
to mr. Ephriam Rice,	00	04	06
to mr. James Taylor,	00	07	00
to Cpt. Nathll Jones,	00	16	00
to ye Revd mr. Andrew Gardner,	07	00	00

Erors Excepted,

Nath[ll] moore, T. Tresurer.

To y[e] Selectmen of Worcester:

we y[e] Subscribers being the major part of a Comitte apointed to Examine y[e] accompts of Dec. Nath[ll] moore, T. Tresurer for y[e] Town of worcester for y[e] year 1725, it appears to us that of what was Comitted to him by Surtificate Signed by messurs. Jonas Rice, Jonathan moore and Zephaniah Rice, a Comitte of y[e] arears that weare in y[e] hands of y[e] former Constables, that—

	£.	s.	d.
James Rice of ye Tax on ye Land, payd	08	15	00
out Standing,	30	06	01
Zephaniah Rice of ye Tax on ye Land, payd	12	16	06
out Standing,	00	00	00
Jacob Holms of ye meeting house rate, payd	09	11	10
out Standing,	00	00	00
Jacob Holmes of ye Thirty five pound, Twelve Shillings Tax, payd	16	19	00
out Standing,	00	09	00
James mclellen of ye Thirty pound Rate, payd	02	12	10
out Standing,	00	15	05
James mclellen of ye Thirty five pound, 12 Shilling Rate, payd	03	10	06
out Standing,	00	00	00

it appears to us by a Certificuat under ye assessors hands, of ye year 1725, that a Rate of fifty five pound was Delivered to James Taylor, Constable, of ye gratuity granted to ye Revd mr. Isaac Burr towards his Setlement, & by ye accompt of De. Nath^ll^ moors—

	£.	s.	d.
it appears that of	55	00	00
he hath payd nothing, out Standing,	55	00	00
and to mr Gershom Rice, Constable, a list of ye Sum of	45	00	00
out Standing,	45	00	00
we also find upon a List of	17	12	03
Comitted to Gershom Rice, Constable, to Colect, being			
a Tax granted for ye Revd mr. Burrs Salerie, payd	13	14	08
out Standing,	03	17	07
also on another List Comitted to ye Same Constable of	17	12	03
payd nothing. out Standing,	17	12	03
also on a List Comitted to James Taylor, Constable, for			
mr. Burrs Salerie of	22	07	09
payd	16	10	00
out Standing,	05	17	09
also a List Comitted to ye Same Constable of	22	07	09
out Standing,	22	07	09
upon a balance with Decon Nathll moore, Tresurer, we			
find him Debter to ye Town	03	00	10
we also find in observence to a Tax of Thirty pounds granted by ye Inhabitents of worcester, march the Twenty Seventh, 1723, the assessors of Sd Town Comitted a List of Eighteen pound, nine Shillings with warrent to James Rice, Constable, to Colect			
of which Sum he hath payd in	13	03	00
out Standing,	05	06	00

Dated in Worcester, may 6 : 1726.

Nath^ll^ Jones,
Moses Lenard,
Danil Heywood.

Worcester, April 4 : 1726.

Pursuant to a vote of ye Inhabitents of Worcester at their meeting on ye first monday of april, in ye year 1726, being ye fourth Day of ye S^d^ month :

We ye Subscribers Doe hearby Covenant & agree with mr. Jonas Rice to be ye Schoole master for S^d^ Town of worcester and to teach Such Children & Youth as any of ye Inhabitents Shall Send to him : to read & to write as ye Law Direcťs, &c : And to keep Such Schoole untill ye fifteenth Day of December next Ensuing ye Date hearof : S^d^ Schoole to [be] Suported at the Towns Charge.

Nath^ll^ Moore,
Danil Heywood,
Benj^a^ Flagg,
James Taylor,
} *Selectmen of Worcester.*

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at a meeting of ye Selectmen of worcester, may the 19 : 1726 : a Town hyway agreed upon & Laid out from Cpt. Nath^ll^ Joneses mill Leading to ye meetinghouse in Sd Town Running four rods wide by marked trees on ye westrly Side of Sd road : Said Road begins on ye westrly Side of Capt Joneses mill, So runing oyer the river, Runing a Cross ye Land of Elisha Rice to ye Land of James holdin, then Leading to & through Lott now in possession of James Rice as formerly Stated by ye Comitte, Said road So far as it runs upon Sd Lott to be Six rod wide, thence runing to ye meetinghouse as ye path is now trod, Six rod wide : at sd meeting Cpt. Jones promised to build a bridge over his mill Creek whear ye Roade runs & make ye same good passing at his own Cost. and promises for himself & Successors that thay will maintain ye Same forever for ye Towns use at their own Charg & Cost.

Nath^ll^ moore,
James Taylor,
moses Lenard,
Danil Heywood,
Benj^a^ Flagg,
} *Selectmen of worcester.*

To the Selectmen of ye Town of Worcester, these may Certifie you in order to be Recorded in ye Town Book, that we whose names are under written have assessed on the Inhabitents of worcester, one hundred pounds of ye Gratuity granted to ye Rev^d^ mr. Isaac Burr towards his Setlement, and have given Lists with warrents to ye Constables who are Required fully to pay and make

up their accompts to & with mr. Nathanil Moore, Tresurer for S^d^ Town, or his Sucessors in S^d^ office, at, on or before ye 11 of Febr, 1725-6. also we have given a Sertification to ye aboves^d^ Tresurer of ye Same under our hands bearing Date the 11 Day of Dec. 1725.

Nath^ll^ Jones,
Jonathan more,
Benj^a^ Flagg,
} *Assessors of Worcester.*

To ye Selectmen of Worcester: these may Certifie you in order for a Record to be made of ye Same, that we whose names are under written, have assessed ye Inhabitents of worcester, both poles & Estates to Eighty pounds granted by S^d^ Town to ye Rev^d^ mr. Isaac Burr, in two payments for his Sallirie in ye year 1725, & have Comitted two lists to Each Constable in S^d^ Town with Lawfull warrents to ye Same, who are required to pay in & make up & accompt of their first payment to & with mr. Nath^ll^ Moore, Tresurer for S^d^ Town or his Sucessors in S^d^ office, at, on or before ye first Day of Janury, 1725-6, and also Each one of them to pay in & make up an accompt of their whole Colection of their Second payment to & with S^d^ Tresurer or Sucessor in office at, on or before ye 10, of Februry, 1725-6. we have certified ye Same to ye above S^d^ Tresurer under our hands bearing Date, the 11 Day of Dec. 1725.

Nath^ll^ Jones,
Jonathan moore,
Benj^a^ Flagg,
} *Assessors of Worcester.*

Middlesix, ss.

(a Warrant obtained by Cp. Jones.)

To mr. James How, Constable of Worcester in ye County of midsix, Greeting:

Complaint being this day made to me, the Subscriber, one of his majesties Justices of ye peace within & for ye S^d^ County of midsix, by James Rice & Nath^ll^ Jones and twenty Six other Inhabitents of worcester, Seting forth that thay prefered a petition to the Selectmen of worcester bearing Date, Septem. ye first, 1726, pray-

ing that ye Town of worcester might be Called together to Consider of & act upon Seven articles which ar underwritten, & wear unreasonably Denied, petition being rejected by ye major part of ye Selectmen of S^d^ Town of worcester on ye 10 Day of September, 1726, wich apears to me the Subscriber by ye above S^d^ petition & Certification on ye Same Sined by two of ye Selectmen of worcester.

These are therefor, in his majesties name, to will & require you ye S^d^ James How, forthwith to warne & give notice to all ye freeholders & other inhabitents Liveing in S^d^ Town of worcester who are qualified according to Law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at ye publick meeting house in S^d^ worcester, upon ye 26 Day of Septr. Instent, at 12 of ye Clock, to Consider upon, give their opinion & Determination upon ye arricles hearto Subjoyned, marked by me under Subscribing, one of his majesties Justices for S^d^ County.

firstly, To See whether ye Town will petition ye great & General Court y^t^ all ye neet Cattle & horses brought or turned into this Town of worcester for grasing, be Entred in a book by ye Town Clark, kept for that purpose, both natural & artificial marks with their age and whose Care & Custodity in S^d^ Town they are put into.

2ly, That are not so Entred Shall be accounted as trespessers on our Common or unimproved Lands & be Delt with accordingly by our field Drivers.

3ly, That ye Names of ye proper owners be Entred in S^d^ Book with what right & Intrest of Land in S^d^ Town they Claime: but if not Intrested in Land that a Tax of two or three Shillings on ye head be granted by the aboves^d^ Court for ye use of ye town & assessed by ye assessors of S^d^ Town & warranted to ye Constable in Like form of other town taxes, S^d^ tax to be Laid on them in whose Custod S^d^ Cattle are.

4ly, if ye town See cause to petition as aboves^d^, to See if they will Choose a Comitte to notifie ye neihbouring Towns as Shall be thought convenient & give them a meeting to See if they will Joyne with us in ye Like petition.

5ly, to See what town officers thay are willing to pay for time Spent in their Service.

6ly, to See if ye town will Reconsider a vote past by this town

on ye first Day of ye Last march, Concerning Singing in ye publick worship of God in this town, it being of an Eclesiastical nature & ought not to Stand upon our book of Town Records.

7ly, to see if ye Town will petition ye Great & General Court for ye farm Lands Lying between worcester & Sutton Lines and Quncigugug pond & oxford Line to be Laid to ye town of worcester During ye Courts pleasure, to Do Duty & Receive privledg, & make return of this warrent with your Doings thereon unto ye Selectmen of worcester at or before ye time perfixed for S^d^ meeting: fail not at your peril, *&c.*

given under my hand & Seal at Leicester, ye fifteenth Day of Septem. in ye Thirteenth year of his majesties Reign, Annoque Domini 1726.

J. Minses. *Justice Peace.*

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester by vertue of a warrent from John Minses,* Esqr. on Sep^m^. 26 : 1726. at S^d^ meeting Gershom Rice was Chosen mod^r^.

at S^d^ meeting all ye Seven articles Contained in S^d^ warrant being red & Considered, voted that all ye Seven articles Contained in S^d^ warrant be Dismissed. Gershom Rice, mod^r^.

Worcester, December 19 : 1726.

†at a town meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitents met & assembled on S^d^ Day at worcester it was voted:

James Taylor, mod.

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*In Washburn's History of Leicester this name is spelled Minzies and Menzies.

†The warrant for this meeting contained the following articles:—

"3. to See if ye Town will Prefer a Petition to ye great & General Court for all ye farm Lands Lying between Hassmissco, Sutton, Oxford & worcester, to be Layd to ye Town of worcester to Do Duty & recive previledg.

4. also to see what care ye Town will take to prevent Catle & horses being brought in Sd Town.

5. To See if ye Town will hear what mr. James Rice has to Say before Sd Town."

1. voted that ye Town will not have a School, it past in ye Negitive.

2. voted that ye Town will not provid a Town Stock.

James Taylor, modrator.

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester on march 6 : 1726-7, for ye Choice of Town officers for ye Year Ensuing, at S^d^ meeting m^r^. William Jenison was Chose modrator. James How, Constable.

at S^d^ meeting Nathanil moore, Danil Heywood, Gershom Rice & William Jenison Chosen Selectmen.

at S^d^ meeting Jonas Rice Chosen Town Clerk.

at S^d^ meeting James Holdin & Joseph Crosby Chose Constables.

at S^d^ meeting Henry Lee Chose T. Tresurer.

at S^d^ meeting william Jenison, Henry Lee & william Gray Chose Assessors.

at S^d^ meeting James Hamblton, Robert Lothrig, James M^c^lellen, jun. Chose Surveyrs of highways.

John Clerk, Gershom Rice, ju^r^. Chose Tythingmen.

william Callwell, Andrew Ferrend Chose Fencevewers.

James Taylor Chose Clark of ye markitt.

mathew Gray Sealor of Lether.

Thomas Rice, David Young Chose hogreivs.

Robert Peables, James m^c^lellen, junr., Thomas Haggitt, Andrew Ferrend Chose field Drivers.

Atest: william Jenison, modrator.

March 6, 1726-7

The Several persons hearafter named being Chosen Town officers for ye year Ensuing weare Sworn in ye presence & by ye order of ye major part of the Selectmen, vizt :

Jonas Rice,	Robert Lothrig,	Mathew Gray,
Joseph Crosby,	James m^c^lellen, junr.	David Young,
William Jenison,	James Taylor,	Robert Peables,
henry Lee,	John Clerk,	James m^c^lellen, jun^r^.
William Gray,	Andrew Ferrend,	Andrew Ferrend,
James Hamblton.		

March 10 : 1727.

ye persons hearafter named Sworn in their office, vizt :

James holdin, Constable, Thomas Rice, hogreive,
Henry Lee, T. Tresurer.

Atest : Jonas Rice, T. Clark.

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester on March ye Sixth, 1726-7, at one of ye Clock, afternoon, Dec. Nathanil moore being Chosen modrator, the following votes weare past, vizt :

voted that ye Selectmen Do forthwith make up & Setle ye accompts with m^r^. James Taylor, Town Tresurer for ye year 1726.

Voted that ye Swine in S^d^ Town of Worcester Shall goe at Large on ye Comon ye hence next Ensuing, being Lawfully yoaked & ring ed. Nathanil Moore, modrator.

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of worcester on may 25 : 1727.

Voted that James Holding, L. moses Lenard, L. Henery Lee, John Hubbart & John Stearns be a Comitte to provid a Schoole Master for one Year. James Taylor, modr.

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester on Sept. 25 : 1727, orderly warned, at S^d^ meeting Mr. william Jenison was Chosen modrator. Jonas Rice, T. Clark.

Voted that the Inhabitents of worcester Conribut once a month on ye Lords Day after Divine Service for the Suport of ye minister in S^d^ Town untill a Rate can properly be made according to Contract : Each parson to papre up his money & Subscrib his name on ye papre that So accompt may be taken of Each Parsons money and to be Elowed on his Rate when made.

Voted that D. Nathanil Moore & De. Danil Heywood be ye parsons to Receive ye money as any parson Shall See cause to Contribut for ye Suport of ye ministry in S^d^ Town and to pay it to ye Rev^d^ mr. Isaac Burr & take receipt.

Voted that £4, 10*s*., 00*d*. money be Elowed & Granted to James Rice for £4, 10*s*., 00*d*. which he payd to Ephraim Rice for y^e^

Town, ye money So granted to be raised in ye next Town tax and payd out of ye Town Tresurey.

Voted that a good Sufficant Cart Bridg be Erected & Built over halfway river in ye Countrey Road.

Voted that Gershom Rice, James Rice & william Jeneson be a Comittee to order & Direct ye Surveyrs in Building ye S^d^ Bridg.

Atest: William Jenison, modrator.

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*at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester, Leagly warned, November Thirteenth, 1727, the Town by a Vote Chose Decon Nathanil moore to Cary on ye work of ye Day.

first, the Town voted to Chuse three men to be a Comitee to Let out and to See that bridg over halfway River be forthwith built and at ye place where it is alredy begun.

(2) voted & Chose for ye Comitte Sergent James Holdin, D. Nathanil moore & Sergent John Stearns.

(3) voted that ye fifty pounds formerly granted by ye Town to be worked out in ye highways, be made into a rate by ye Assessors.

(4) voted that decon Nath^ll^ moor & James Taylor take in ye accompts of ye Surveyrs.

Nathanil moore, modrator.

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester, January 15th : 1727-8, Regulerly warned, at S^d^ meeting Gershom Rice was Chosen modrator. Jonas Rice, T. Clerk.

Voted that Sixteen pounds, Ten Shillings be assessed on ye rateable Inhabitents of Worcester for & towards ye Support of ye Schoole in S^d^ Town.

Voted that two pounds, Eight Shillings & Sixpence be assessed on ye Inhabitents of Worcester to pay ye Charge of ye presentment

*One article in the warrant was: "to Elect & Deput one or more parsons being freeholders & Resedent in this Town according to ye number Set and Limited by an act of the General assembly to Serve for and Represent them in a Grate and General Court or assembly apointed to be convened, held & Kept for his majesties Service at the Court house in Boston, upon wednesday ye Twenty Second Day of November Current."

for want of a Schoole, S^d^ money to be assessed with that granted for ye Support of a Schoole in S^d^ Town. Gershom Rice, modr.

At a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester, march 4th: 1727-8. Regularly warned for ye Choice of Town officers for ye year Ensuing, Cpt. william Jenison was Chosen modr.

Jonas Rice, T. Clark.

at S^d^ meeting

Dec. Nath^ll^ moore, C. william Jennison, mr. Benj^a^ Flagg, mr. James Rice & Jonas Rice Chosen Selectmen.

Gershom Rice, junr., Thomas Glezen, Constables.

mr. Henry Lee, Town Tresurer.

Jonas Rice, Chosen T. Clerk.

Jacob Holmes, James Hamblton, Thomas Parker & John Gray, Surveyers of highways.

Jonas Rice, Cpt. william Jenison, mr. Palmer Golding, Assessors.

Elicksander m^c^Konky, Thomas Haggitt, Tythingmen.

Aaron Adams, Jotham Rice, fenceviewers.

Tirus Rice, David Young, Field Drivers.

James Tailor, Clerk of ye markitt.

mathew Gray, Sealor of Lether.

John Stearns, Edward King, Jonas Rice junr., hogreives.

Atest: William Jenison, modrator.

march 4 : 1727-8. The Several parsons hearafter Named being Chosen Town officers for ye year Ensuing wear Sworn by order & in ye presence of ye major part of the Selectmen, vizt :

Jonas Rice,	Thomas Haggit,	Jacob Holmes,
william Jennison,	James Hamblton,	Tiras Rice,
Palmer Goldin,	John Gray,	Thomas Parker,
Henry Lee,	mathew Gray,	Aaron Adams.

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester on march 4 : 1727-8, for the manigment of Town affairs, at S^d^ meeting L. Henry Lee was Chosen modrator.

Voted that Gershom Rice, Cpt. will. Jenison, mr. John Hubburd, mr. James holdin & mr. Palmer Golding be a Comitte to

take Care & Cause ye meetinghouse for ye Publick worship of God in S^d^ Town to be finished at ye Charge of ye Town : S^d^ Comitte or ye major part of them are hearby Impowered to See that it be Don Decsently according to their best Discretion, and make return to ye Town of their proceedings in S^d^ affair.

Voted That ye Selectmen of ye Town take care & Setle accompts with L. Henry Lee, Town Tresurer for ye Year Last past.

Voted That D. Danil Heywood, Zepheniah Rice & william Gray be a Comitte to Setle accompts with ye Rev^d^ mr. Isaac Burr Respecting his Setlements & Salery & make return to ye Town in order for Record.

Voted That ye Swine in S^d^ Town go at Larg ye year Ensuing.

Henry Lee, modrator.

Voted that no parson being Inhabiting within ye Town of worcester, bring in or recive any neat Catle or horses whatsoever to run or feed on ye Comon Land of S^d^ Town for ye Summer Ensuing of any parson or parsons whatsoever, Excepting Such as properly belong to propriators or freeholders in S^d^ Town, on penelty of paying to ye Town Tresurer of S^d^ Town three Shillings for Each head received or brought in as aforesd, for the use of ye Town :

Voted that C. william Jennison be Desired to make aplycation to ye Court of General Sessions of ye peace for their aprobation of this vote accordingly. Henry Lee, modr.

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester, march 29. Regulerly warned, Cpt. william Jennison was Chosen modrator.

Jonas Rice, T. Clerk.

Voted at S^d^ meeting that ye Town receive their proportion of ye Sixty Thousend pound in Bills of Creditt granted by ye grate & General Court.

Voted That the hundred & Seventy pound, fifteen Shillings granted by ye grate & general Court to ye Town of Worcester be Let out on Intrest not Exceeding Ten pounds to any one parson & not under five pounds any one parson.

at S^d^ meeting mr. Nathanil moore, mr. Danil Heywood & mr. John Hubbard weare Chosen Trustees for worcester to receive y^e^

Towns proportion of £6000 of ye province Tresurer & Let out S^d^ money agreeable to ye votes of ye Town.

Voted That Joseph Crosby be axepted to Serve as Constable in ye room of Thomas Glezen for ye year Ensuing & accordingly was Sworn to ye faithfull Discharg of his office.

Voted that Thomas Stearns be ye parson to take care of and Sweep ye meeting house for ye year Ensuing, & Shall Recive £1, -4-0 for his Service.

Voted & Elowed to James Rice, 5 Shillings for a Lock now on ye meeting house Dore.

Voted that ye Incourigment for killing of Ratle Snakes in S^d^ Town Shall be three pence for every Ratle Snakes Taile or ratle So killed & brought to one or more of ye Selectmen, who are Directed to recive ye Same.

Voted That ye Several Sums granted being Town Debts to ye Several parsons hearafter named, be made into a Tax & Comitted to ye Constables to Colect, vizt:

	£.	s.	d.
to James Holdin for Serving as Assessor in ye year 1726,	01	10	00
to william Gray for Serving as Assessor in ye year 1726,	01	10	00
to william Gray for Serving as Assessor in ye year 1727,	02	02	00
to Cpt. william Jenison for Serving as Assessor in ye year 1727,	01	04	00
to Palmer Golding for Service Don for ye Town,	01	10	00
to Palmer Golding for money advanced for ye Town,	01	15	03
to James Rice for money advanced for ye Town,	03	03	09
to Cp. Nathll. Jones for plank & timber for Several Bridges	04	18	11
to James Rice for a Stock Lock on ye meetinghouse,	00	05	00

William Jennison, modrator.

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at a meeting of ye freeholders of ye Town of worcester, on may Twenty third, 1728, for ye Choice of a Representative, at S^d^ meeting Cpt. william Jennison was Chosen for that Service.*

Jonas Rice, Town Clerk.

at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester on may 23: 1728, orderly warned, Benjamin Flagg being Chosen modrator, ye following votes were past, vizt:

*This is the first record of the choice of a representative by the town. Lincoln in his history states that Nathaniel Jones was chosen in 1727.

Voted that Benj[a] Flagg, [jur.], mr. Palmer Golding & mr. Daniel Hubbard be a Comitte to provid a Schoolmaster y[e] year Ensuing.

Voted that the money formerly Granted for finishing y[e] meeting house be payd by y[e] Town Tresurer to y[e] present Comitte for that Service. Benj[a] Flagg, modrator.

October the 11th: 1728.

at a meeting of the Selectmen, present Nath[ll] moore, Benj[a] Flag & Jonas Rice, at S[d] meeting ordered that Thomas Stearns be the pound keeper till further order.

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*At a meeting of the Inhabitents of Worcester Duly Qualified to vote In the Choice of Town officers, regularly assembled on march y[e] 3[d]: 1728-9. At S[d] meeting Cpt. Wiliam Jenison was Chosen modrator. Jonas Rice, T. Clerk.

D. Nathaniel moore, Capt. Wiliam Jenison, James Holden, D. Danil Heywood, Zephaniah Rice, Selectmen.

Zephaniah Rice, T. Clerk.

mathew Gray, Constable of the South presink.

Thomas Haggit being Chosen Constable, Refused to Serve in S[d] office.

James moore being Chosen Constable, Refused to Serve in S[d] off.

Thomas Starns being Chosen Constable Refused to Serve in S[d] office.

Robert peables being Chosen Constable, Refused to Serve in S[d] office.

Daniel Ward, Constable of the North presink.

D. Nathaniel Moore, T. Treasurer.

Benj[a] Flagg, jur., moses Rice, william Gray, assessors.

Jonathan Wiliard, Daniel Hubbard, Joseph Crosbey, william Callwell, Surveyers of highways.

voted at S[d] meeting that—

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*The warrant contained the following article:—

"— to se if the Toune will consider of what may be proper for the Toun to Do with reference to a New County As Lately proposed."

Jacob Holmes and David Young be Tithingmen for the year ensuing.

James Tailor, Clerk of the marcket.

Jonathan moore, Sealer of Leather.

William macklelan, Samuell Gray, Collins moore, Thomas Glezen, hogreives.

Daniel Hubbard, Richard Ward, fenc Viewers.

moses Rice, Jonas Rice, field Drivers.

March 3^{d}, 1728-9. The Several persons here after named Being Chosen Town officers for the year ensuing, were Sworne in the presence and by the order of the major part of the Selectmen, namly: Zephaniah Rice, D. Nathaniel moore, mathew Gray, Daniel Ward, Jonathan Williard, Joseph Crosbey, Daniel Hubburd, William macklelan, Samuell Gray, Richard Ward, Daniel Hubburd, moses Rice, William Gray, Moses Rice.

Atest: Zephaniah Rice, T. Clerk.

March 7th, 1728-9. the persons hereafter named being Chosen into there Several offices on march the third, were Sworn to theire offices: David Young, Jacob Holmes, Tythingmen; Jonas Rice, junr. *Atest:* Zephaniah Rice, T. Clerk.

may the 15: 1729. William Colwell was Sworne to the office of Surveir in presence of major part of Selectmen.

Atest: Zephaniah Rice, T. Clerk.

Whereas the Bridg made over the Swift River below Capt. Joneses milldam is now Carried away by the violence of the flood, and it being a very hazardous place to Builde a Bridge,—Voted that no Bridg be built below S^{d} mill Dam at the Towns Charge, and the Town Dis Continue that part of the Road accordingly.

February the 25: 1728-9. Upon the Request of Severall of the inhabitents of the South part of worcester, Desireing us the Subscribers, the Selectmen of Worcester, to Lay them A conveniant way from the outside of the Town Bounds Next oxford into the Town to meeting and other Buisnes, accordingly we have on the Day abovesd Layed out a way for the Conveniency of the inhabitents of the Town Living on that part Called Bogochog, where it is best for the publick Benefit and the least Damig to particular per-

sons, wich way is Laid out as followeth, namly: Begining at the South Line of the Town at the path Leading to oxford, a white oack tre being marcked on the west Side of the way, from thence the way Runs Northerly to a white oack tree marcked from thence Running to another White oack tree marcked, Standing on Daniel Bigglows Land against the Corner of Gershom Rices fence, and from S^{d} marcked tree as the way now goeth whilst it comes throw the Land of the S^{d} Gershome Rices, and So to a white oack tree marcked Standing on S^{d} Bigglows Land on the west Side of the way, and so along throw the Land of m^{r}. John Smith as the way is Laid out, with marcked trees on the westerly Sid of the way till it comes to the River near m^{r}. Smiths house where Jonathan williard Liveth, a walnut tree being marcked on the South Side the River Clos by the Side of S^{d} River and on the west Side of the way, frome thence Runing over S^{d} River throw m^{r}. Smiths entervail and field to a Small gray oak tree marked Standing in the north or noreast Corner of the fence that Fences in S^{d} field, Leving the Barn and hous of mr. Smiths wheare Jonathan Williard Liveth on the east Side of Said way, and from Said Small gray oak tree marked Strait to a whit oak tre marked Standing on the Land of Zebadiah Rices Land on the west Side of S^{d} way near the west end of a pine Swampe, from thence to a pine tree marked Standing on the Land of Clarck, and So to a Small blak oak tree marked, near the Sid of the Ceder Swamp, from thence to a Small white oak tree marked Standing on the Land of Cornet John Hubburd, and from thence the way Runing Sumthing Bowing to the east throw the S^{d} Hubburds Land to a Reed oak tree marked Standing on S^{d} Hubburds Land near the Contry Road,and So from thence to the Contrey Road, trees being marcked only on the west Side of Said way, we having Laid Said way throw mr. Smiths Land where Lift. Henery Lee, attorney to mr. Smith, Desired us. the Said way is Laid out two Rods and an half rod wide throwout from one end to the other.

William Jenison, Benjamin Flagg, Nath^{ll} moore, Selectmen of Worcester.

The Town acsepts of this Return untill it comes to the Road Leading from halfway River to epharaim Rice's house.

William Jenison, moder.

At Said meeting, Voted : Lt. Henry Lee, Gershom Rice, ju., & James Hambleton be a Committe to See that a good Bridge be erected over ye River near the house where Jonathan Williard now Dwells. William Jenison, moderator.

Worcester, february the 28 : 1728-9 : upon the Request of John Starns, John Clerck and mathew Clerck, inhabitents of the Town of Worcester, Desireng a way mite be Laid out for theme to be conveniant to goe to the publick worship and on other ocasions, we the Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Worcester, on the Day above Said, have Laid out a way So far as was of nesesety Near the house of mr. Cornelius Waldo begining at a great Read oak tree marcked, near the Saw mill Standing on the Line betwene the Lands of S^d^ Waldo and william Jenison, the tree being on the east Side of Said way, and from thence a Strait Line to a Small white oak tree marked Standing on the Land of Sd Waldos, and is on the east Sid of Said way, the way to be two Roads wide So far as we have Laid it out : William Jenison, Benjamin Flagg, Jonas Rice, Selectmen of Worcester.

Accsepted : William Jenison, moderator.

Worcester, December 25 : 1728. Application having been made to us ye Subscribers, by John Dunkin, elijah Cook and Thomas Parker in behalfe of themselves and others, Inhabitents of Worcester, praying that a way be Laid out from the house of ye Said John Dunkin in which they may conveniently pass To the place of publick worship, and having taken a view of the ground are of opinion that the way will be most Convenient for the Neighbourhood in that part of the Town and most advantagious to the publick to begin at a Reed oak tree Standing at the fut of a hill near the house of John Dunkin, from thence at the northerly eand of a Small Swamp then turning a Little easterly and Runing on the Southerly Side of the house of Elijah Cook by marked trees to Land of Thomas Parker, and So through the Southwesterly Corner of Sd parkers Field to his house, thene runing by trees already marked through the Land of James macklellen, So entring the Countrey Road at the westerly Corner of Sd macklellens Field as now Improved, the way to Ly on the easterly Side of Sd markt trees as Denoted.

Nath[ll] moore, Benjamin Flagg, Jonas Rice, Selectmen for Worcester

Axcepted: William Jenison, modrater.

At a meeting of the Selectmen of Worcester, Febr. 4: 1728-9: At the Request of Daniel Hubburd, Zephaniah Rice, obadiah ward and Isaac Ward, Inhabitants of worcester, to view and Lay out a convenient way for theme to come to the place of publick worship, and have taken a view accordingly, Are of the opinion that S[d] way will be most Convenient for the S[d] Inhabitants And least preagudishal to the publick to Begin at a whit oak tree Standing in the Land of Isaac ward, from thence Runing to a Black burch tree marked, Thence to a white oake tree marked, thence Straigt to a Read oake tree marcked near the house of obadiah ward, and so through the Land of obadiah ward cross The Brook, thene Runing betwene the Land of Joshua Rice and the minestarel Land to the Countrey Road, Said way being two Roads wide from the Land of Isaac Ward till it comes over the Brook, and from S[d] Brook to the Countrey Road four Roods wide, the Road Lying on the westerly Side of the marked trees as is Denoted by the marks.

william Jenison, Benjamin Flagg, Nathaniel moore, Jonas Rice, Selectmen of worcester.

Accepted: William Jenison, moderator.

Voted that the meeting be adjorned to the Last monday of march Currunt, at ten of the Clok before noone, At the meeting house.

William Jinison, moderator.

At a meeting of the inhabitents of worcester orderly meet at the meetting house in worcester by adjoyrnment from monday the third day of march, 1728-9, to the Last monday of march: 1729, the following votes were pased.

Voted that Thomas Starnes be an assessor for the year insuing, and was Sworne to Sd office in the presence of the Selectmen.

voted that the Town axsepts the Returne of the Commite to Recon with the Re[nd] Isaac Burr, an that it Be put upon Record.

William Jenison, moderator.

Att a meeting with a Commite of worcester, February: 17th:

1728-9, Chosen to adjust and Settele accounts for S^d^ Town with me the Subscriber, upon the account of my Settlement and Sallery, who are namely: Dea^n^ Daniel Heywood, Zephaniah Rice and William Gray, Committee.

Then Reckoned with them frome october, 1724: to march, A: Dom: 1727-8, aud their Remaines Due to S^d^ Town to ballance accounts the Sume of Six pounds, Eight Shilings and ten pence money.

as witness: Isaac Burr.

John miller.

James A℔ Wallis, his marck.

Att a meetting of the inhabitents of worcester Reugarly assembled att the meeting house on march the 31: 1729: att S^d^ meeting Capt. William Jenison being Chosen moderator the foloing votes wer past. Zep. Rice, T. Clerk.

voted to the Several persons hereafter named, the Several Sumes affixed to their names, as namly:

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
To Capt. Jonas Rice,	1	6	0	To mr. James How,	1	10	00
To mr. Gashom Rice,	0	14	10	To mr. Daniel Hubburd	0	02	06
To mr. Thomas Starns,	1	4	0	To mr. James moore,	0	08	00
To mr. Thomas Starns,	0	2	0	To mr. moses Rice,	00	03	03
To Lift. Henery Lee,	0	18	0	To mr. Samuell Thompson,			
To Lift. Henery Lee,	1	00	00		00	05	00
To Lift. Henery Lee,	0	18	00	To mr. Ephraim Roper	00	02	09
To mr. Palmer Goulden,	1	06	00	To mr. Collins moore,	00	07	00
To mr. James How,	0	11	08				
Worcesters proportion for laying out the Road from Brookfield to marlborough ordered by the Court of general Sessions of the peace, is					09	01	11

voted that the accounts brought in to the town by the Surveiors and by Several other persons as they are on file with the town Clerck, whose names are as folloeth, be allowed by the town as namely: Palmer Goulding, Jacob Holmes, James Hammelton, James moore, Robburt Lothrige, Robburt Pibles, John Gray, James m^c^lellan, Robburt Pibles, James moore, Robert Lothrige,

Surveiors for worcester, D^n^ Nathaniel moore, Henery Lee, Gershom Rice, junr., Zephaniah Rice, Daniel ward, Isaac ward, James Holding, Phineas Jones.

voted That the Several Sumes granted. exsepting the highway accounts, be forthwith assessed on the Town of worcester and committed to the Con^bles^ with Suffisient warrant to Colect the Same.

William Jenison, moderator.

voted that the Selectmen Take Care to provide a Schoole master to edducate youth in S^d^ Town for the year ensuing.

voted thre pence a Taile to any person in worcester that Shall kill any Rattle Snake Betwen this time and the Last Day of may, and Bring theire Tails in to the Selectmen of S^d^ Town Before the S^d^ Last Day of may.

voted that the Swine goe at Large this year ensuing, they being Reguarly yoked and Ringed according to Law.

voted that the Con^bles^ warne Town meetings for the futer by going from house to house.

voted that the meeting be adjourned to the third thirdsday in may, it being the fiftenth day, at ten a Clock in the forenoone at the meeting house. *Attest:* william Jenison, moderator.

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at a meeting of the inhabitents of worcester Reguarly assembled at the meeting house on march the 31 : 1729 : the foloing votes past, viz : Benjamin flagg, junr., Chosen modderator.

Zephaniah Rice. Town Clerck.

voted that Daniel ward is to Sweep the meeting house in S^d^ Town for the year ensuing, and for S^d^ worck the town voted that he Shall have twenty Shilings.

voted that the meeting be adjorned to the third thirsday of may to meet att the meeting house in S^d^ town att twelve of the Clock at noon. Benjamin Flagg, moderator.

Worcester, may the 15 : 1729. at a meeting of the Selectmen of worcester, then agreed with insin Benjamin flagg to Stand Schoole master in worcester to teach Children and youth to Read and write untill the fifetenth Day of September Next ensuing.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitents of and Belonging to worcester, Reugguarly assembled by adjournment from monday the 31 day of march, 1729: to thirdsday the 15 day of may, 1729, and being then meet—

voted that the meeting be adjorned to three of the Cloock in the afternoon to meet at the meeting house in S^d^ Town, on this 15 day of may, 1729: William Jenison, modderator.

Zephaniah Rice, t. Clerck.

and then being meet according to S^d^ adjornment and

voted at S^d^ meeting that fifty pounds be granted and Raised on the inhabitants of this town for the further finishing the meeting house in S^d^ Town.

voted that ten pounds be granted and Raised on the inhabitants of worcester to pay for Building the Bridge over halfe way River, and added to the town Rat granted on the 31 day of Last march, 1729: and Be paid by the treashuerer to the commity of S^d^ Bridge and by them paid proportionably to those men that did S^d^ worck.

voted that 40: pounds be granted and Levied on the inhabitants of worcester for the Repairing highways and Bridges in S^d^ Town, and be forthwith by the assessors made by the Last years invoice and Coppyes attested by the assessors of S^d^ Rats Be comited to each Surveior of his Squardern, and he to warn each person to worck out his Rat, and the person so working to take a Receipt of S^d^ Surveir and it to be allowed him out of his Rat, and if any person Shall Refuse to worck out their Rat as Directed, then the assessors to Commit S^d^ List to the Constable or Constables to colect the Same to be improved for the Service aforsd. also voted that each person working under the Surveirs to be allowed 4 Shilings per Day and for a pair of oxen 2 Shilings per Day.

William Jenison, modderator.

At a meeting of the inhabitents of this town orderly assembled att the meeting house in worcester on the 15th Day of may, 1729, by adjornment from the 31 Day of march, 1729, and being then meet the folloing votes were past:

voted that the Selectmen agree with Som Suitable person to Dig graves for the futer as occasion may Be.

voted that whereas the Road formerly Laid out on the northerly Side of Daniel Wards house Loot being very difficult for traviling in, and the consideration of the coast of mending the Same, that S^d^ Road be Discontinued from the Contry Road So far as it Runs Throw S^d^ Wards Land, and that the Selectmen be Desiered to Lay out a Road in the most Suitable plase in the Room of the former in order to be Laid before the Town at next march meeting.

Benjamin Flagg, moderator.

At a meeting of the inhabitents of Worcester orderly assembled on the fiftenth Day of may: 1729, then met, Capt. william Jenison was Chosen modderator, and voted that the meeting be adjorned to three of the Clock in the afternoon, and then accordingly to S^d^ adjornment being meet,—

Voted and Chosen five men a Commity for the finishing the meeting house in S^d^ Town, are as foloing, namly: James Holding, John Hubburd, Thomas Starnes, Benjamin Flagg, ju. and Daniel Ward.

voted that S^d^ Commite Do Take kare and Se how the former Committe Disposed of the fifty pound formerly granted for the meeting house in S^d^ Town.

voted that S^d^ Commity for the meeting house do call to an account a Commite formerly impoured to dispose of Sum Lime formerly provided for the meeting house.

William Jenison, modr.

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*At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Worcester orderly Assembled at the meeting house in S^d^ Town on october the 7, 1729, and then meet, mr. James Tailor was Chosen modderator.

Zephaniah Rice, T. Clerk.

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*Extract from the warrant:—

"to See if the Town will grant Liberty to Capt. William Jenison, Ins. Benjamin Flagg, mr. James Holdin and Daniel ward to Remove the two hinde Seats Both in the mens and womens Seats in the meeting house, and Build each of them a pue for them and their fammiles to Set in.

To See if the Town will add the middel alle in the meting house to the Seats on the mens Side."

voted if the Town will Build a School house, it passed on the Neggative.

Voted that the Town will Let out for Sume terme of time, the two ten acor Lots of School Land Lying near the metting house in S^{d} town and the two acors of meddow Belonging thereunto Lying in prospect meddow, to be Subdued and Brought two.

Voted that their be a Committe of three men to Let out S^{d} School Land.

Voted that they are as foloeth, namly: mr. James Tailor, James Holdin and Benj^{a} flagg.

Voted at S^{d} meeting that a Rat or Tax of fourten pounds be granted and Levied on the inhabitants of Worcester for the Support of a School in worcester of what is past the Last year and for the present year.

Voted that S^{d} Rat or Tax of fourten pounds be assessed on the inhabitants of worcester with the Last Town Rat in Said town which was granted on march the 31 : 1729, & on may the 15 : 1729.

James Taylor, moderator.

Att a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitents of worcester Quallified to vote in ye Choice of town officers, and those Quallified to vote in other affairs of this town, orderly warned and assembled at the meeting house in Said town on monday the Second Day of march : 1729-30 : and being then mett—

voted : at Said Meeting that Capt. W^{m}. Jenison be mod^{tor} to Regulate Said meeting. Zephaniah Rice, town Clark.

voted : at Said meeting that there be but five Selectmen in this town for this year.

voted at Said meeting that Capt. W^{m}. Jenison, Deacon Nat^{ll} moore, Capt. Jonas Rice, mr. James Holdin & Benj^{a} Flagg, Jun : be Selectmen for the present year.

voted att Said meeting y^{t} Benj^{a} Flagg, Ju^{r}. be town Clerk.

voted att Said meeting that W^{m}. Caldwell be Constable for the South presinct.

voted att Said meeting that W^{m}. Caldwell be Dismissed from Serving as Constable.

voted att Said meeting that Thomas Haggett be Constable for the South presinct.

voted : att Said meeting that the town accepts of mr. Palmer Gouldin to Serve as Constable in the Room of Thomas Haggett.

voted at Said meeting y^t^ James M^c^clellan be Constable for ye north presinct.

voted at Said meeting y^t^ Deac : Nat^ll^ moore be Town Treaseror.

voted at Said meeting Jotham Rice, obediah Ward, Benj^a^ Townsend & Thomas Gleeson be Surveyors of highways.

voted at Said meeting y^t^ Ephraim Rice and Joseph Crosby be Tythingmen.

voted at Sd meeting y^t^ mr. James Tayler be Clark of ye markitt.

voted : at Said meeting y^t^ Jotham Rice be Sealer of Leather.

voted at Said meeting y^t^ Thomas Hambleton & Benj^a^ gates be hogg Reaves.

voted at Said meeting y^t^ David Young & Isaac Sanger be fence viewers.

voted at Said meeting that the Swine Do go at Large in Worcester for the year Ensuing, they being properly yoaked and wringed according to Law.

voted : at Said meeting that the town of worcester will Indemnify the town of Stow against any Charge that Shall arise on the account of an infant Child of Robt. Craford, called matthew, which is put to John Swan's of Stow to Nurse, as the Child is att Said Swan's to Nurse.

voted : att Said meeting that the Town will make four free Contrabutions to the Rev^d^ m^r^. Isaac Burr for this year, and the Deacons to Receive the mony and to Deliver the Same to the Rev^d^ m^r^. Burr, and ye first Contrabution to be on the first Sabbath of april next. Wiliam Jenison, moderator.

Worcester, march 2 : 1729-30. the Persons hereafter named Do Enter their Desents againest the proceedings of the work of this Day by Reason that Some tennants are allowed to vote in the Choice of Town officers, Namely : Moses Rice, Jonathan moore, Ephraim Roper, James moore, Isaac moore.

Attest: Zephaniah Rice, Town Clerk.

March 2 : 1729-30.

The Persons hereafter Named being Chosen town offecers for the Ensuing year were Sworn in the presents of the major part of the Selectmen to the faithfull Discharge of their Respective offices, (viz.)

Benj[a] Flagg, Jun[r].	thomas Gleezen,	Benj[a] Gates,
Palmer Gouldin,	Jotham Rice,	Thomas Hambleton,
James M[c]clellan,	James Tayler,	David Young,
Dec. Nat[ll] moore,	Jotham Rice,	Isaac Sanger,
obediah Ward.	*Attest:*	Benj[a] Flagg, Town Clerk.

Ephraim Rice being Chosen Tythingman for y[e] year 1730, was Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of his office In the presence of the major part of y[e] Selectmen, march 6 : 1729-30.

Attest: Benj[a] Flagg, Town Clerk.

Benj[a] Townsend being Chosen a Surveyor for highways for the year 1730 : was Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of his office In the presence of y[e] marjor part of the Selectmen, march 31 : 1730.

Attest: Benj[a] Flagg, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Worcester orderly Warned and assembled at y[e] meeting house in Said town on Thursday the 23 : Day of april : 1730 :—

at Sd meeting Cap[t]. W[m]. Jenison was Chosen moderator.

Benj[a] Flagg, Town Clerk.

voted at Said meeting to y[e] Several persons hereafter named the Several Sums affixed to their names, (viz.) :

to Danl ward for Sweeping ye meeting house in Sd town ye yeare 1729:	£01-00-0
to Wm. Gray, Jur. for making of Rates 15 Days in ye yeare 1729,	1-10-0
to Thos Starnes for making of Rates 11 Days in ye yeare 1729,	1- 2-0
to James Taylor for nails paid by him for ye use of ye town,	0- 5-0
to James moore for killing 30 Ratle Snakes in ye Last year,	0- 7-6
to mosses Rice for killing 14 Ratle Snakes ye Last year,	0- 3-6
to andrew Mcfarlon for killing 14 Snakes ye Last year,	0- 3-6
to Collins moor for killing ten Snakes ye Last year,	0- 2-6
to Wm. Caldwel for killing 6 in ye Last year,	0- 1-6
to John Clark for killing 11 Snakes in 1729,	0- 2-9
	04-18-3

voted at Said meeting that ye above Said Sums allowed be assessed and made in ye next Rate.

the above accompt payd.

voted at Said meeting y^t^ ye town will Choose a Com^te^ of three men to Setle accts with ye Last Years Treaserer and to mak return to the town at their next meeting.

voted : at Sd meeting y^t^ Capt. W^m^. Jenison, mr. James Taylor & mr. Zep : Rice be ye Com^tee^ for Said Service.

voted at Said meeting that the Selectmen provide a Righting School for ye town until ye first of october next.

voted at Said meeting that thomas Starnes Keep ye Keeys of ye meeting house and Sweep ye meeting house and open ye Doors and bring water as there Shall be ocasion to baptize Children for one year, & to have twenty Shillings for Said Service.

voted at Said meeting y^t^ ye Selectmen appoint Som Suitable person to Digg Graves in Said town as there Shall be ocasion & to Keep ye burying Cloath.

voted at Sd meeting y^t^ ye town allow thre pence for Every Ratle Snake killed in Sd town and ye tails brought to ye Selectmen for the Ensuing year.

voted at Said meeting y^t^ the town Choos a Com^tee^ of five men to Examin ye acc^ts^ brought in or to be Brought in about highway work, and to Lay before ye town at their next meeting what they think proper for ye town to act in that matter in order y^t^ Justice may be Don.

voted at Said Meeting that Capt. W^m^. Jenison, Benj^a^ Flagg, Ju^r^. Zeph : Rice, Capt. Jonas Rice and Richard Ward be a Com^tee^ for Said Service. William Jenison, moderator.

Att a meeting of the Inhabitants of Worcester orderly Warned & mett on fryday ye 15th of May, 1730 : at Said meeting Capt. W^m^. Jenison was Chosen Moderator. Benj^a^ Flagg, town Clerk.

Voted at Said Meeting y^t^ the meeting be adjourned to the 25th of this Instant May at three of ye Clock afternoon at the Meeting house in Said town. William Jenison, Moderator.

Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of worcester orderly Mett by an adjournment at ye Meeting house in Said town on ye twenty fifth Day of May, 1730.

Voted at Said Meeting y^t^ ye Return of ye Com^tee^ appointed to Setle accts with ye Last years Treasuror be accepted & Kept on file.

William Jenison, Moderator.

Capt. Jonas Rice, Capt. William Jenison, mr. James Holdin and Benj^a^ Flagg, Ju^r^. being appointed assessors for the Town of worcester for the year 1730, were Sworn to the Faithfull Discharge of their office. *Attest:* Benj^a^ Flagg, Town Clerk.

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att a meeting of the Inhabitants of Worcester orderly warned & mett on Monday the 16th of November, 1730: at Said Meeting Benj^a^ Flagg, Ju^r^. was Chosen Moderator.

Attest: Benj^a^ Flagg, town Clerk.

voted at Said Meeting that the town will provide a School to Instruct the youth in Said town in writing and Reading untill the Last of March next.

voted at Said Meeting that the town will Choose a Com^tee^ of five men to provide a School Master at the Charge of the town to Instruct the youth in Said town in writing and Reading, and Said Com^tee^ to order where the School Shall be Kept in Said town untill the Last of March next.

voted at Said Meeting that Li^ut^. Henry Lee, Palmer Goulding, James Moore, James M^c^Clellan and Gershom Rice, Junior, be a Com^tee^ for the Providing a School as above Said.

voted at Said Meeting that the Inhabitants now Dwelling in the north part of worcester be freed from paying town Rates in the South part of worcester for the term of Seven years, that is to Say Such of Said Inhabitants as Shall actualy give Bond to Such person as the town Shall appoint to Defend the S^d^ town from mending highways & building of Bridges and from the Charge of Laying out highway or town Roads in Said north part, and from all charge that Shall or may arise by any presentment of any highway or town Road in Said north part that is or may be Laid out in Sd north part for the Space of Seven years.

voted at Said Meeting that the Security or bond above Mentioned is to be Given to the Present town Treasurer and his Successor in Said office, & Said bond or penalty to be five hundred pounds.

Benj[a] Flagg, Ju[r]., Moderator.

[Extract from a Warrant dated January 26: 1730-31.]

To mr. Jaines M[c]clellan, Constable for worcester, Greeting:

these are to order and Direct you forthwith to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of this town that hath an Estate of freehold in Land within this province or territory of forty Shillings per annum at the Least, or other Estate to the value of fifty Pounds Sterling, to meet and assemble at the meeting house in Said town on Tuesday the Second Day of February next, at one of the clock afternoon, then and there to Elect and Depute one or More persons being freeholders and Resident in the Same town to Serve for and Represent them in a great and gen[ll] Court or assembly appointed to be Convened, held & Kept for his majesties Service at the Court house in Boston upon wednesday the tenth Day of February next Ensuing the Date hereof.

at Said meeting Cap[t]. W[m]. Jenison was Chosen moderator.

Benj[a] Flagg, Town Clerk.

At a General town meeting of y[e] Inhabitents of Worcester Qualified to vote in y[e] Choice of town officers, on march 15th, 1730-31. Regularly assembled, at Sd meeting C. william Jenison was Chosen moderator. Benj[a] Flagg, T. Clerk.

at Sd meeting Cpt. William Jenison, Benj[a] Flagg, Jur., Gershom Rice, D. Danil Heywood & Palmer Golding wear Chosen Selectmen.

at Sd meeting C. Jonas Rice was Chosen T. Clerk.

at Sd meeting william Gray, jur. was Chosen Constable for y[e] South pricenkt.

at Sd meeting L. Henry Lee was Chosen Constable of y[e] north precinct & Refused y[e] Sarvice.

at Sd meeting Thomas Stearnes was Chosen Constable.

Cpt. William Jenison Chosen town Treasurer.

Cp. Jonas Rice, Palmer Golding & C. William Jenison Chosen assessors.

Danil ward, John Patrick, Tythingmen.

James Taylor Clerk of the markitt.

Gershom Rice, Jur., Benj[a] Townsend, John Curtise, obadiah ward, Andrew M[c]farlin, John Biglo & Sam[ll] Tomson, Surveyrs of highways.

John Smith, Thom. Hagitt, James m[c]lellan, willi[m] m[c]lellen, hog reaves.

James Thornington, Jonas Rice, jur., fence viewers.

voted that this meeting be adjourned untill y[e] Second Tuesday of april next at one of y[e] Clock afternoon at y[e] meeting house.

William Jenison, moderator.

Upon y[e] Request of Richard Ward to us y[e] Subscribers Selectmen of worcester, Desiring that we would Lay him a conveiant way from his Land whear he Liveth to y[e] Countrey Road, accordingly we have Laid a way out as followeth :

vizt : beginning at a black oake Stump marked Standing near the Dividing Line between Sd Wards Land and Thomas Hagits Land, and from thence running northward to a Small walnut plant Standing near y[e] Stump mentioned and is marked from thence to a white oake tree marked Standing near Hagits plow Land, from thence to a white oake tree Standing on Sd Hagits plow Land, from thence to y[e] nearest place to y[e] Countrey Road near y[e] house of william Gray. y[e] way is Layd out two Rods wide and Lyeth on y[e] west Side of y[e] trees & Stumps as they are markt.

Dated in Worcester, Nov[er] 17 : 1730.

William Jenison,
Jonas Rice,
James Holdin,
} *Selectmen of Worcester.*

March 15 : 1730-31. Voted and accepted y[e] above mentioned way ordered to be Recorded. William Jenison, Modr.

At a meeting of y[e] Selectmen of Worcester, Novem[r] 19 : 1730, agreed and Layd out in y[e] north part of Worcester a town Road Six Rods wid. Sd Road begins at y[e] Deviding Line between y[e]

north & South parts of Sd town Eastrly of ye Land of James Couden by mark trees on ye Eastrly Side of Sd Road untill it Extends to ye Lime Land, then by markĕd trees on ye north Side of Sd Road by ye South of Robert Grays house and by ye South of ye house of John Biglo, and So over Cedar Swamp Brook between ye two foard ways and Still by ye marked trees on ye north Side as formerly Layd out by ye Propriators Comittee till it Extends to ye house of Sam^ll^ Clerk, then on the South Side of Sd Clerks house, So on ye South of ye house of & Barn of John Hubburd and on ye South Side of Sd Hubbards Saw mill and then by marked trees on ye north Side of Sd Road as ye Sd Propriators Comittee formerly Layd Said Road untill it Extends to Ruttland Line.

William Jenison,
James Holdin,
Benj^a^ Flagg,

March ye 15 : 1730-31. Red and axepted and ordered to be Recorded. William Jenison, Mdr.

March 15 : 1730.

The parsons hearafter named being Chosen Town officers for ye year Ensuing ware Sworn in ye presence of ye major part of ye Selectmen to ye faithfull Discharg of their Respective offices.

Vizt : Jonas Rice, T. Clerk.

Jonas Rice,	Thomas Haggitt,	Thomas Rice,
James Tailor,	James m^c^lellen,	Robert Peables,
John Patrick,	James Tomson,	John Biglo,
John Smith,	Jonas Rice, jur.	Sam^ll^ Tomson.
	william m^c^lellen.	

At a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester by adjournment from march 15 : 1730 to April ye 13 : 1731, and then met.

Voted that Danil ward be Excused from Serving as Constable for ye year Ensuing.

at Sd meeting Thomas Rice was Chosen Tythingman for ye year Ensuing and Sworn to ye faithfull Discharg of his office.

at Sd meeting James m^c^lellan was axepted to Serve as Constable for ye year Ensuing in ye Room of Thomas Stearns and Sworn to ye faithfull Discharg of his office. William Jenison, modr.

At a meeting of ye Selectmen of Worcester, march 6 : 1729-30, it is agreed by Sd Selectmen that a Town way be Layd out two rods wide begining at ye Countrey Road near ye meeting house between ye Land of Thomas Stearns & Danil ward and to Run proportionably in Each of their Land as ye ground will admitt untill it Extends to ye Cassway at ye grate Swam, then to Run as Said Road was formerly Layd out and Recorded by ye houses of James moore & moses Rice.

William Jenison,
Nath^ll^ moore,
Jonas Rice,
Benj^a^ Flagg,
} *Selectmen of Worcester.*

this return excepted and ordred to be Recorded.

William Jenison, modr.

At a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester on April 13 : 1731, Regularly assembled, Cpt. william Jenison was Chosen modr.

Jonas Rice, T. Clerk.

voted at Sd meeting that ye Selectmen provid a Schoole master to Keep a Schoole for reading & writing for Childrin & youth untill ye first Day of September next ensuing.

and whearas many Small Children Cannot attend ye Schoole in ye Senter of ye Town by Reason of ye remotness of their Dwellings and to ye intent that all Childrin may have ye benifite of Education, &c.

Voted that a Suitable number of Schoole Dames, not Exceeding five, be provided by ye Selectmen at ye Charge of ye Town for ye teaching of Small Childrin to read, and to be placed in ye Several parts of ye Town as ye Selectmen may think most Conveinent, and Such Gentlewomen to be payd by ye pole as ye Selectmen & they may agree.

Voted & granted that one hundred pound be Levied on the Inhabitents of worcester for the repairing of highways in Sd Town and Bridges, and that it be made into a tax forthwith and Copyes atested by ye assessors of Sd Rates be Comitted to ye Surveyrs of highways of their Respective Squadron, and they to warn out ye parsons to work accordingly, and ye parsons so working to take a recipt

of ye Surveyr & it to be Elowed him out of his Rate, and if any parson or parsons Shall refuse or neglect to work out his or their Rate as Directed: Then ye assessors to Comitt Sd List with Suffiant warrant to ye Constable or Constables to Colect ye Same to be Improved for ye Service aforesd.

Voted also that Each parson working under the Surveyr to be Elowed four Shillings ℔ Day and for a pair of oxen two Shillings ℔ Day, Sd Surveyors to attend ye Direction of ye Selectmen from time to time.

Voted that ye Selectmen with ye town Clerk Settle acompts with the Town Treasurer.

Voted that mr. Benj^a^ Flagg, Decon moore, Decon Heywood & Jonas Rice be a Comitte to Setle accompts with ye Revd mr. Isaac Burr.

William Jenison, modr.

Voted to ye Several parsons hearafter named the respective Sums affixed over against their names, vizt:

to moses Rice for Ratle Snaks, 7	00-01-09
John Clark for Ratle Snakes, 9	00-02-03
to Collins moore for Ratle Snaks, 25	00-06-03
to Jonas Rice for Serving as assessor.	01-10-00
to C. william Jenison for Serving as assessor,	01-12-00
to James Holdin for Serving as assessor,	00-18-00
Benja. Flag for Serving as assesor & other Service,	01-02-00
to Decon moore & Compeny for building halfway river Bridg,	04-06-00
to ye Comitte for ye Schoolemaster,	11-00-00
to James moore for pue hinges,	00-04-00
to Thomas Stearns for Sweeping ye meeting house,	01-00-00
to Joseph Crosby for paying Joseph Thurstins Rates,	00-17-00
totle,	22-19-03

William Jenison, modr.

Town Treasurers accompt, June 4: 1731, for ye year 1730.

We the Subscribers, Selectmen of Worcester, being apointed by the town to make up accompts with Decon Nathanil moore, Treasurer for the year 1730, we have made up the accompts as follows, this fourth Day of June, 1731:—

It. out Standing in the hands of Palmer Golding when he was Constable in the year 1726, £02 11 06

It. out Standing in the hands of Lt. Henry Lee when he was Town Treasurer, £04 03 08

It. in the hands of Constable James Holdin, £02 13 08

It. in the hands of Constable James mclellen, £00 15 00

It. Yet outstanding in the hands of Gershom Rice as he was Constable, £00 05 07

It. in the hands of Joseph Crosby, Constable, £06 00 02

It. in a Town Rate of *l*44 00 11) 1729: Constable mathew Grays part to Gether was *l*13 01: yet outstanding in his hands, £06 07 01

Constable Danil wards part of £44 00 11 to gether was *l*21 07 11. Still out Standing in his hands, £04 09 08

It. of a Town Rate of fifty pound for finishing the meeting house, Constable mathew Gray's part was 25 05 00 and Still out Standing in his hands, £18 05 00

It. of Sd £50 00 00 Rate for the meeting house, Constable Danil wards part to Colect was £24 15 00, and Still out Standing,

It. of the ministry Rate for the year 1730, Constable Golding's part to Colect of ye 2 Rates was 44 09 08. out Standing 07 10 07 which is Due to the Town, £07 10 07

It. in Decon moores hands to Still acompt for 02 04 07

It one pound, one Shilling in the hands of Cp. Jennison, Town Treasurer.

Wi[ll]m Jennison,
Gershom Rice,
Danil Heywood
Palmer Golding
} *Selectmen of Worcester.*

Jonas Rice, T. Clerk.

June 4 : 1731. accompt Settled with the minister.

att a meeting with the Committee of Worcester, June 4[th] : 1731, Chosen to adjust and Settle accompts for Sd town with me, the Committee Chosen were namely, Benjamin Flagg, Cpt. Jonas Rice, and D. Nath[ll] moore, then Reconed with them from march, A. Dom. 1727-8 to march, 1730-31, and all accompts ballenced.

as witness my hand,

Isaac Burr.

*At a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester on ye 14 Day of September, 1731, Regulerly assembled, william Jennison, Esqr. was Chosen modrator. Jonas Rice, Town Clerk.

Voted at Sd meeting that ye town will maintain a free Schoole for the year Ensuing and that it be a mooveing School into the Several quarters of ye Town.

Voted that ye Selectmen take Efectual care that a Suitable person be provided to keep a Schoole to Instruct ye Childrin and youth in Sd Town to Read and wright, and to place ye Schoole agreeable to ye vote of ye Town.

Voted: granted to the Revd mr. Isaac Burr, ten pounds money the beter to Enable him to Carry on his ministrial office in Sd town of worcester, and to be assessed on ye Inhabitents with his next half years Rate. William Jennison, modrator.

Choice of town officers for ye year 1732.

At a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester, Regulerly assembled on march 6: 1731-2, for ye Choice of Town officers for ye year Ensuing, at Sd meeting C. Jonas Rice was Chosen modr.

at Sd meeting C. Jonas Rice, D. Nath^ll^ moore, mr. James moore, mr. Benj^a^ Flagg, Jur., mr. John Stearns, Chosen Selectmen.

C. Jonas Rice, T. Clerk.

William Callwell, Robert Peables, Constables.

D. Danil Heywood, T. Treasurer.

william Gray, Palmer Golding, Elijah Cook, assessors.

Tirus Rice, Abaraham wheelor, John Biglo, Samuell Tomson, David Young, Isaac ward, Surveyers of highways.

william Nickals, moses Harper, Tythingmen.

Danil Hubburd, Joseph mainord, Fence Viewrs.

James Tailor, Cler of ye markit.

mathew Gray, Sealor of Lether.

Samll Tomas, Charls Adams, Thomas Hamblton, william Harrise, James Ferguson, hog Reives. Jonas Rice, modr.

*One article in the warrant for this meeting called the inhabitants "to vote in ye Choice of a Reigester of Deeds and a County Tresurer for ye County of worcester according to ye Direction in the Law."

at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of worcester on march 6 : 1731-2, Voted that whereas ye Inhabitents Living in north part of worcester have been assessed in Several Town Rates Since ye vote of ye Town to free them there from on Certain Conditions, that ye money Sd Inhabitents in Sd north part have payd to any Town assessment Since their being freed as aforesd be Repayd to them out of ye Intrest money Due to ye town from ye Last publick Banck.

Voted that Decon moore, D. Heywood and Jonas Rice be a Comitte to Setle accompts with william Jennison, Esqr., Town Tresurer for ye year 1731.

Voted that ye Swine go at Larg for ye year Ensuing in Sd town, being regulated as ye Law Directs. Jonas Rice, modr.

Received of Cpt. Jennison, Town Tresurer, ye Sum of Eighty pounds money upon accompt of Sallery, and ten pounds granted by ye town for ye year 1731.

I Say Recd ℔ me,

Worcester, march 2 : 1731. Isaac Burr.

Treasurers accompts for ye year 1731.

We ye Subscribers being appointed a Comitte by ye Town to make up and Setle accompts with william Jennison, Esqr., Town Tresurer for the year 1731 : we have Settled Sd accompts as followeth this thirteenth Day of march, 1731-2.

It.	we find Still outstanding in ye hands of Palmer Golding as he was Constable in ye year 1726,	£02	11	6
It.	in ye hands of James Holden as he was Constable,	02	13	8
It.	in ye hands of James mclellan, Deceased,	00	15	0
It.	in ye hands of Gershom Rice, jur. as Constable,	00	05	7
It.	of ye Town Rate of 44 pound, Eleven pence granted in ye year 1729, Constable mathew Grays part to Colect was £22 13 01. outstanding in his hands of Sd Rate,	£06	07	1
	Constable Danil wards part of Sd Rate to Colect was £21 07 11 and Still outstanding in his [hands] of Sd Rate,	04	09	08

It.	of a Town Rate of fifty pounds granted for finishing ye meeting house, Constable math. Grays part to Colect was 25 05 00. Still outstanding in his hands	18	05	0
	of ye Same Rate Constable Danil wards part to Colect was £24 15 00. Still outstanding in his hands	08	10	6
It.	of a ministers tax for ye year 1730, Constable Goldings part to Colect of both Rates was 44 09 08. Still outstanding in his hands of Sd Rates which is Due to ye Town,	07	10	7
It.	in Decon Natll moore, his hands as Town Treasurer, outstanding,	01	04	07
It.	in william Jennison, Esqr. his hands as Town Tresurer, outstanding,	00	09	7
		47	02	9

Erors Exepted.

Nath[ll] moore
Dan[ll] Heywood } *Comitte.*
Jonas Rice

At a General Town meeting of y[e] Inhabitents of worcester, may 17 : 1732, at Sd meeting John Chandler, Esqr. was Chosen modrt.

Jonas Rice, T. Clr.

Voted and granted to y[e] Several parsons hear after named the respective Sums affixed over against their names to be payd out of y[e] town Tresurey, vizt :

	£	s.	d.
to John Chandler, Esqr. for ye Charge of a presentment,	01	08	06
to william Jennison, Esqr. for Service don for ye town in making of Rates, Carting of Lime & Carting of Logs.	03	04	00
to Cpt. Jonas Rice for Serving as assessor in ye year 1731,	02	04	00
mr. Palmer Golding as assessor & for plank,	02	06	00
to Henry Lee, Esqr. for his horse two Jurneys to Roxbury,	01	00	00
to Thomas Stearns for Sweeping ye meeting house,	01	00	00
to Danil ward for 64 Rattlesnaks tails at 3 penc each,	00	16	00
to John Clerk for 10 Rattlesnaks tails,	00	02	06
to James moore for 76 Rattlesnaks,	00	18	00
to mr. wymon for Keeping Scholl 14 weeks	13	10	00
more to mr. wyman for travil,	03	00	00
	29	09	00

John Chandler, md.

Settlement of the Town Bounds.

Whearas there hath been differance between the Selectmen of worcester and Ruttland about the west Line of Said worcester So far as it Joyns with Ruttland, but in as much as ye Selectmen of Each Town being met to perambulate the Lines between Said Towns on the Sixth Day of october, 1724, having the Plat of Said worcester with them Did unanimously agree, having to their Satisfaction found the Corner mentioned in Said Plat, to run from Said Corner on Point of Compass as on Said Plat, &c. as may appear on Record.

and the Selectmen of Said Towns being again met to perambulate between Said Towns the Twenty Seventh Day of april, 1730, Carried out the Line on the Point of Compass agred upon as aforesd to Licester Line or Corner So far as Ruttland does Extend: by a mutual agreement as may appear by our hands set hearunto, vizt:

South and by East fourty five minuts East, which Point agreeing with Some old marks which we Renewed So far as they went: and marked new whear there wear none before, and Set the Surveyers mark on the trees with the marking Iron, thus which Line So marked we agree and allow to be the Setled and Established Line on the west between Said worcester and Ruttland and no other.

and further Consent that this agreement Shall be Signed by Each party of the Selectmen and the papers Changed and So put on Record on the Town Books of Each Town abovesaid:

as witness our hands the Twenty Seventh Day of april, Annoqui Domini 1730.

Sam^ll^ wright
Joseph Stevens
Edward Rice
Eleazer Heywood
Eleazer Ball
Selectmen of Ruttland.

at a meeting of the Selectmen of Ruttland, april 21: 1730, being notified by the Selectmen of worcester to perambulate and run the bounds between the Said towns on the 27 day of this Instent april, Do appoint Cpt. Sam^ll^ wright, Esqr., Joseph Stevens and Eben^r^ metcalf to meet with Said Selectmen of worcester or Such

parsons as they Shall apoint to parambulate and renew the Said Town bounds at time and place appointed.

Sam[ll] wright
Joseph Stevens
Edward Rice
Elezer Heywood
Eleazer Ball
} *Selectmen of Ruttland.*

Worcester, march 30 : 1733.

we y[e] Subscribers, Selectmen of worcester, Do alow and aprove of y[e] within writen Setlement or Perambulation of y[e] Bounds of our Town as therein Set forth and Expresed.

William Jenison
Nath[ll] moore
Gershom Rice
James Holdin
John Chandler, Jr.
} *Selectmen of Worcester.*

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at a meeting of y[e] Inhabitents of Worcester, may 17 : 1732, Regularly assembled, John Chandler, Esq[r]. was Chosen modratr.

Jonas [Rice], T. Cler.

at Sd meeting Voted that Twenty Seven pounds, Fourteen Shillings and two pence be forthwith assessed on the Inhabitents of worcester for y[e] Discharging y[e] Town Debts as alowed.

Voted that John Chandler, Esq[r]., Cp[t]. Jonas Rice & m[r]. Benj[a]. Fllag, Jr. be a Comitte to return y[e] thanks of y[e] town to mr. wiglesworth Switcher* of Boston for y[e] present he Lately made to y[e] town and on their Recipt of y[e] Same to Dispose of y[e] Same for y[e] best advantage of the Town.

Voted that william Jennison, Esq[r]., mr. Benj[a] Flagg, jr. & Cpt. Jonas Rice be a Comitte to accompt with y[e] trustees for y[e] Last Bank money Due to y[e] Town, and pay what is Due to the Inhabitents of y[e] north part of worcester out of it agreeable to y[e] vote of y[e] town y[e] 6th of march Last past, and to make Report to y[e] town at their next meeting and to be accountable to y[e] town for y[e] Remainder.

Voted that y[e] assessors for y[e] present year, togther with mr.

*This name was spelled Switsor in the warrant.

Gershom Rice & mr. Benj[a] Flagg, jr. be a Comitte to Receive, Examin, adjust and alow y[e] accompts of the Several Surveyors of highways and thereupon Deliver to y[e] present Surveyors Lists of Such persons as have not worked out their Rates that they may Still have an opportiunity to work out y[e] Same agreable to y[e] former vote of y[e] town.

Voted that y[e] Selectmen provide a Suiteable person to Sweep y[e] meetinghouse & to Dig y[e] graves as there may be occasion & to take Care of y[e] Cushing, grave Cloth, and to provide water for Baptisem for y[e] year Ensuing.

Voted that y[e] Encurigment for killing of Ratle Snakes be three pence a taile for y[e] year Ensuing, Sd tails to be brought to one or more of y[e] Selectmen. John Chandler, mod[r].

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at a meeting of y[e] Selectmen of worcester, may 31 : 1732, ordered that william Nickols be y[e] parson to Sweep the meetinghouse and to provide y[e] watter for Baptizem as occasion may be, for y[e] year Ensuing in Sd town, and bring in his Bill at y[e] years End to y[e] town for his Reward. by order of y[e] Selectmen,

Jonas Rice, T. Clerk.

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at a meeting of the Selectmen of Worcester, august y[e] 5 : 1732. persuent to a vote of y[e] town, agreed with Cpt. Jonas Rice to be y[e] Schoolemaster for Sd town for y[e] Education of y[e] youth in reading and writeing untill y[e] first of September next Ensuing.

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at a meeting of y[e] Selectmen of Worcester on august 28 : 1732. then agreed with mr. Richard Rogers to be our present Schoolemaster and he to Receive of y[e] town at y[e] Rate of fifty pounds a year for his Sarvice So Long as he Shall Continue to Keep a School in Sd town. by order of y[e] Selectmen.

Richard Rogers, master.

Jonas Rice
Nath[ll] moore
John Stearns
James moore
} *Selectmen of Worcester.*

at a meeting of the Inhabitents of ye town of Worcester on october ye 24 : 1732, Regulerly assembled, at Sd meeting John Chandler, Esqr. was Chosen modrator. Jonas Rice, T. Clerk.

Voted at Sd meeting that Twenty five pounds money be forthwith assessed according to Law on ye Inhabitents and Estates of ye town of worcester for Defreying ye Charge of ye Schoole in Sd town.

Voted that ye Schoole in Sd town be a moveing Schoole at y^r^ Discretion of ye Selectmen.

In answer to ye Petition of the Rev^d^ mr. Isaac Burr, Voted that ye Sum of Twenty Pounds be assessed according to Law on the Inhabitents and Estates of ye Town of worcester to be pay^d^ to mr. Burr, which Sum the town Cherfully grant and earnestly Desire that he Lay ye Same out in purchising an addition to his Library.

John Chandler, modr.

Jonas Rice
Nath^ll^ moore } *Selectmen*
Benj^a^ Flagg
James moore } *of Worcester.*
John Stearns

Worcester, Febr. 5 : 1732-3.

at ye Disire of ye Inhabitents of that part of ye Town Called Bogachoage, for a highway by which they may Conveinantly Come to ye place of publick worship, and also to accomodate ye Remote towns, we have vewed and Layd out a Road of three Rods wide, beginning at ye house of Dunkin Graham, from thence runing Northeasterly on ye Land of Jonas Rice as formerly Layd out untill it Comes over ye grate Brook, thence runing on ye Northerly Side of Ephraim Rices Barn through ye Land of Sd Ephraim Rice to a white oake tree marked on ye northerly Side of Sd Road, and So by marks through ye Land of Thomas Adames, Tyrus Rice & Danil ward to ye Cart Bridge over mill Brook.

at a General Town meeting, march 5 : 1732-3, Voted, axepted and ordered to be Recorded. John Chandler, modr.

At a meeting of ye Inhabitents of worcester, march 5 : 1732-3, Regulerly assembled for ye Choice of town officers, at Said meeting John Chandler, Esqr. Chosen modr.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T. Clerk.

at Sd meeting ye persons hearafter named ware Chosen town officers for ye Ensuing year, vizt :—

John Chandler, Esqr., William Jennison, Esqr., mr. Nath^ll^ moore, mr. Gershom Rice & mr. James Holdin, Selectmen.

C. Jonas Rice, T. Clerk.

John Chandler, Esqr., mr. Palmer Golding & william Gray, assessors.

mr. Danil Heywood, T. Tresurer.

mr. Isaac moore & william m^c^lellen, Constables.

Samuell Gray, Thomas Adames, Robert Blare, Robert Barber, Phinehas Heywood, John Biglo & Samuell Tomson, Surveyers of highways.

Robert marble, Obadiah ward, Tythingmen.

Jotham Rice & Jonas Rice, jur., fence viewers.

mathew Gray, Sealer of Lether.

william harise & Abraham wheeler, Danil Biglo & James Coudin, hogreives.

mr. James Tailor, Cler. markitt.

The Several Persons before Named being Chosen to Serve as Town officers for ye year 1733, of whome an oath is required, wear all Sworn in ye month of march by a Justice of ye peace to ye faithful Discharge of their Respective offices, Excepting Isaac moore.

march 31 : 1733. mr. Isaac moore Took ye oath of a Constable.

Attest: John Chandler, Jr., *Justs peace.*

Voted at ye above Sd meeting that ye ministers Sallerie for ye whole year be assessed by one tax on ye Poles and Ratable Estates of ye Inhabitents of ye South part of Sd town untill further order from ye town.

Voted that ye Selectmen be a Comitte to Call ye Surveyers of highways to an accompt & make report at ye next town meeting.

John Chandler, mod.

Town Bounds.

July 4th: 1727.

Then ye Selectmen of worcester and Liecester and oxford did meet at the Southwest Corner of ye town of worcester and ye South-East Corner of ye town of Leicester and the NorthEast Corner of oxford, in order to Perambulate and Renew ye Bounds between Sd towns of worcester and Leicester and oxford So far as the towns Joyned together, and they did all consent and agree, and did owne and mark a Certain hemlock or black pine tree Standing by the Edg of a Swamp on ye East Side of Sd Swamp, which tree So marked to be and Remain to be ye Southwest Corner of ye town of worcester and ye SouthEast Corner of ye town of Leicester and ye NorthEast Corner of ye town of oxford. in witness whearof, we the Selectmen of Each of ye Sd towns have Set to our hands ye Day and year fierst above written.

The Selectmen of ye town of oxford.	*The Selectmen of ye town of Leicester.*	*The Selectmen of ye town of worcester.*
Isaac Learned,	Samll Green,	Nathll moore,
Ebenezer Learned.	Richard Southgate,	Gershom Rice,
	Thomas Newall,	Danil Heywood,
	Thom. Richardson.	william Jenison.

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of worcester, Regulerly assembled on may 15: 1733, at Sd meeting Coll. John Chandler was Chosen modrator of Sd meeting. Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

Voted and granted to ye Several persons hereafter Named ye Respective Sums Set over against their names, viz:

	£.	*s.*	*d.*
To Benja. Flagg, Jur., about ye meeting house, ye Balence of his acct,	01	01	00
To mr. Thom. Stearns for ye meeting house, ye Ballence of his acct.	04	11	06
To Samll Boutwell to Ballence his accut.	20	05	08
To mr. moses Rice to Ballence his accompt.	02	19	10
To James holdin to Ballence his accompt,	03	03	00
To Robert Barber to Ballence his accompt,	02	07	00
To willm Jenison, Esqr. to Ballence	01	19	00
To Henry Lee, Esqr.	01	00	00

To ye Comitte ye Sum of 2: 19 for Boards of C. Learned,	02 19 00
To John Gray, Jr. ye Sum of	01 05 00
To Danil ward for Ditto,	10 09 03
To william Nickols, takeing Care of ye meetinghouse,	02 00 00
To mathew Gray to Ballence	00 18 00
To Pallmer Golding, his accompt,	00 16 03
To Pallmer Golding, assessor,	02 04 00
To will. Gray, assessor,	02 08 00
To Elijah Cook, assessor,	01 16 00
To James Holdin, accomp.	00 12 02
To willm Gray, Jr. accompt,	00 12 09
	63 01 05

Attest: John Chandler, modr.

at Sd meeting, Voted that there be a Schoolehouse Built at ye Charge of ye Town and placed in ye Center of ye South half of ye Town or as near as may be with Conveiniency, haveing Regard to Suitable ground for Such a house to Stand on, and whear Land may be purchised in Case it falls in mens perticular proporty, provided ye purchis may be on Reasonable Terms, &c.

Voted that Collo. John Chandler be ye Surveyor to find the Center of ye South half of worcester & that Henry Lee, Esqr., major Jonas Rice & mr. James moore be Chainmen to assist under oath.

Voted that ye house be Twenty four feet long, Sixteen feet wide and Seven feet Studd, to be Compleatly finished with a good Chimney, Glase and that, at ye Discretion of a Comitte to be apointed, and that Danil Heywood, mr. Benj^a^ Flagg, Jr. and mr. Thomas Stearns be ye Comitte to See the Worke Efected, Either by Leting out ye work by y^e^ [great?] or otherwise as they Shall think most for the advantige of ye town. and that they provid Suitable Tables and Benches for ye Schollers and Lay their accompts before ye town for payment.

an accompt of ye Debts of ye town amounting to ye Sum of Sixty three pounds, one Shilling & five pence being Layd before ye town,

Voted thate ye town be assessed Said Sum accordingly, & that the Same be payd to ye parsons to whome it is Respectively Due,

Voted that for ye Incourigment of Killing of Ratle Snaks that

three pence ℔ head be allowed & payd to Each person for Each Ratlesnake, he that Kills, producing ye Ratle to ye town and Joynt of ye tail of Said Snake.

Voted that ye Sum of Twenty pounds be added to the Revd mr. Isaac Burrs Sallerie for ye présent year to Incourige him in ye work of ye Gospil ministry among us.

Voted that for ye future & untill ye town otherwise order that ye assessors make all Such grants of money as Shall be granted by ye town in one year in one assessment, Exclusive of ye ministers Salery.

Voted that william Jenison, Esqr. & mr. James Tailor be added to Such of ye former Comitte as Live in the town Chosen may 15 : 1724, for Seeting the meeting house, and that they forthwith proceed to Compleat & finish Seeting thereof—that ye Rules they principly Guide themselves by be as follows, vizt : a persons usefullness or ye Station he Stands in age and pay, not having Regard to a Plurality of Polls But to Real and Personal Estate only, and the two last Assessments or Invoices, vizt : for ye year 1731 & 1732 be ye Rule.

Voted that ye articles Contained in ye warrant not yet acted on be adjorned with ye meeting which was by a vote adjurned to this place on monday ye 28 Day of may Instent at Eight of ye Clock before noon.

The above votes passed by the town assembled at ye meeting house, may 15, 1733. *Attest:* John Chandler, mod.

Voted that mr. william Jenson be Desired to make an put on ye meeting house Door Suitable Latches & Spring bolts, also Suitable hasps & hooks on Such of ye windows of ye meetinghouse as are usuly opened in order to preserve them from Damige.

Voted that ye frunt of ye Gallerys, ye Pullpitt & Pillers be Cullered and varnished & ye outside of ye Doors & windows of ye meeting house, & ye town thankfully accept of ye Eight pound offered by Coll. Chandler towards Doing ye Same, and ye town being Informed that Danil Gookin, Esqr. has been pleased to Say he would give Something to Sd work, voted that mr. Nath^ll^ moore & mr. James Tailor be Desired to know of him what he will give towards Said Cullering and Varnishing.

Voted at Sd meeting. *Attest:* John Chandler, modr.

at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of worcester by adjournment from may 15 : 1733 to may ye 28 : 1733, and then met—

Voted and granted to william Jenison, Esqr., John Chandler, Esqr., mr. Benj^a^ Flagg, Jur. and mr. Gershom Rice, Jur. Liberty to Remove ye two hindmost Seets in ye Body of Seets in meeting house in worcester and Build Each of them a pue on ye floore of Equal Bigness, they to Sit in them with their familys ordnerly.

Voted that ye affaire of granting money for mending and Repairing highways be Reffered to ye next town meeting and that ye Selectmen in ye meen time give orders to ye present Surveyors that So Such persons as are behind in their work forthwith work it out in Such place as they think proper.

John Chandler, mod.

We the Subscribers being apointed a Comitte to Seet ye meeting house in worcester, persuent to Instructions we have proceeded thereon : and have appointed to Each person a Seet for himself and wife as followeth :—

Vizt. in ye fore Seet in ye body.

Gershom Rice,
John Gray,
Benj^a^ Flagg,
John Stearns,
Caleb Jonson,
John Adames.

in ye Second Seet in ye Body.

Thomas Hagitt,
william Gray,
John Smith,
James Hamblton,
Andrew m^e^farlind,
John Clerk,
Robert Peables,
Jacob Holmes.

in ye fore Seet in ye frunt Galiry.

James Holdin,
moses Rice,
James moore,
Thomas Stearns,
Danil ward,
Jotham Rice,
Solomon Jonson,
Joseph Crosby,
Thomas Glezen.

fourth Seet in ye Body.

David Elise,
Abraham wheeler,
moses Harper,
James Thornington,

fifth Seet in ye Body.
James Furbush,
Robert Lortrige,
John Alicksander,
william m^a^han,
John Stinson,
Dunkin Graham,
John m^c^farlind,
Joseph Clerk.

Sixth Seet in ye Body.
John Smith, jr.
John Patrick,
James Glassford,
william brown,
william Nickols,
John Starling,
Hugh Calso.

Second Seet in ye frunt Galiry.
Samuell Gray,
Zebediah Rice,
Joseph Rug.
Eliakem Rice,
mathias Rice,
Thomas Hamblton.
mathew Clark,
william Temple,
Isaac ward.
John Batty,
omphry Tailor,
oliver wallise,
Robert Blare.

in ye fore Seet in ye Long Galiry.
Richard ward,
william m^c^lellen,
Charls Adames,
Isaac moore,
James m^c^lellen,
Ephriam Rice,
Tirus Rice,
Thomas Rice,
Phinehas Heywood,
Jonas Rice, jur.
Ebenezer Flagg,
Thomas Adames,
Danil Biglo,
Thomas Parker,
Elijah Cook,
John Curtice,
obediah ward,
Benj^a^ Gates,
Robert Barber.

Third Seet in ye Body.
mathew Gray,
Alick m^e^Konky,
william Callwell,
John Dunkin,
william Gray, jur.
mathew Gray, jur.
Andrew m^c^farlind, jur.
John Gray, jur.

Second Seet in ye Long Galiry. Worcester may 30 : 1733.

Patrick Peables,
Edward Knight,
Jezeniah Rice,
william Harise,
John m^cKonky,
Robert marble,
John Peables.

Nath^ll moore
Gershom Rice
Henry Lee
Danil Heywood
James How
Palmer Golding
Jonas Rice
} *Comitte.*

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester, ye 8 Day of october 1733, Regulerly asembled, at Sd meeting Cpt. Benj^a Flagg was Chosen modrator. Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

at Said meeting the Question being put whether the town would grant ye Sum of Six pounds, twelve Shillings to Defray ye Charg proportioned upon ye town of worcester by ye Court of General Sessions of ye peace, for Laying out a County or Countrey Road from worcester to mendon, it past in ye negitive.

Voted at Said meeting that ye Selectmen be Desired to order ye Surveyrs of highways to repair ye Bridg over ye Brook near ye house of Jacob Holmes out of ye arears of ye tax alredy granted for repairing of highways.

Voted that a Bridg be Built forthwith over mill Brôok, near ye house of Ephraim Rice, & ye Causway repaired in ye way Layd out by ye Selectmen and approved of by ye town also.

Voted that mr. Gershom Rice, jur., major Jonas Rice and Ebenezer Flag be a Comitte to Efect ye work above mentioned, and bring in their accompt to the town for payment.

Attest: Benj^a Flagg, jr. modr.

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of worcester, Regulerly assembled on ye 21 Day of Novemr, 1733, at Sd meeting voted that ye Sum of fifty pounds be forthwith assessed on ye Poles & Rateable Estates in ye South part of worcester for ye Suport of the Schoole.

Voted that ye Sum of Six pound, twelve Shillings be assessed on ye Poles & Rateable Estates in ye South part of worcester, to Dis-

charge ye towns proportion of Charge of Laying out ye Countrey Road from worcester to mendon pursuant to order of Court.

voted and granted to ye Several persons hearafter named ye Sums Set against their names for Service Don at ye Bridg near ye house of Ephraim Rice in worcester, in full Discharge thereof, vizt :

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Jonas Rice,	02	02	00	Samll Deek,	00	06	00
Gershom Rice,	01	08	00	John mclintick,	00	06	00
Ebenezer Flag,	01	16	00	Dunkin Graham,	01	00	00
Nathll moore,	00	11	00	Abraham Rice,	01	00	00
william Elder,	00	10	00	Danil Biglo,	00	14	00
Robert King,	00	04	00	James Hamblton,	01	06	00
william Brown,	00	04	00	Thomas Hamblton,	00	14	00
william mclellen,	00	12	00	mathias Rice,	00	04	00
Ephraim Rice,	00	10	00	James Furbush,	00	08	00
Abisha Rice,	00	10	00	Danil Dunkin,	00	08	00
Jonas Rice, jr.	00	04	00	Jezeniah Rice,	00	08	00
					15	05	00

Attest: William Jenison, modr.

Worcester, march 4 : 1733-4

at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of worcester, Regulerly assembled for ye Choice of town officers, at Sd meeting Collenol John Chandler was Chosen modr. Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

at ye abovesd meeting ye persons hearafter named ware Respectively Chosen town officers for ye year Ensuing, vizt :

John Chandler, Esqr., Jonas Rice, Esqr., mr. Nathanil moore. Cpt. Danil Heywood, Cpt. Benj^a^ Flagg, Selectmen.

major Jonas Rice, Town Clerk.

Collen. Chandler, Henry Lee, Esqr., Cpt. Benj^a^ Flagg, assessors.

Cpt. Danil Heywood, Town Tresurer.

Jotham Rice being Chosen Constable, Refused to Serve and payd his fine as ye Law Directs.

William Gray, Joseph Rug, Constables.

Phinehas Heywood, mr. moses Rice, Robert Blare, Tyrus Rice, Joshua Childs, Robert marble, John Billo, Samuell Tomson, Surveyors of Highways.

Joseph Crosby, Solomon Johnson, Tythingmen.

Jotham Rice, Jonas Rice, ju. Fence viewers.

mathew Gray, Sealer of Lether.

Isaac withrby, Isaac ward, william mahan, John Smith, jur. hog-reives.

James Tailor, Clerk of ye markit.

Tirus Rice, Charls Adames, Robert marble, Patrick Peables, Field Drivers.

The persons Chosen town officers for ye year 1734 of whom an oath is Required wear Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of their Respective offices as ye Law Directs.

Voted at ye abovesd meeting that William Jenison, Esqr., Capt. Benj^a^ Flag and mr. James Tailor be a Comitte to Call ye Several Surveyers of highways to an accompt how they have Improved y^e^ [?] alredy granted for Repairing highways, and make Report at ye next town meeting.

Voted that L. moses Rice, Henry Lee, Esqr., mr. Joshua Childs, mr. James Tailor & mr. Thomas Glezen be a Comitte to adjust accompts with Cpt. Danil Heywood, T. Tresurer for ye year 1733.

Voted that ye Selectmen do as soon as may, State out a burying place and mesure ye out Lines thereof that The town may Know properly how to act Respecting ye fencing in ye Same, and that the[y] make Report to ye next town meeting what they may apprehend the Cost thereof may be.

Worcester Febry 14 : 1733-4.

Whearas by ye Request of Several of ye Inhabitents of this town Complaining to ye Subscribers, Selectmen of worcester, for want of a town way Leading from the way Layd out to Ruttland, by ye house of John Biglo to Come ye nearist way into ye town, upon which Request, we having viewed the way Disired, have Layd out a town way as followeth, whear we apprehend it is best for ye publick & Least Damige to ye privet, and is as followeth :

begining at a white oake tree on ye west of ye house of John Biglo and on ye South Side of ye way Leading from Ruttland, and on ye west Side ye town way now Layd out by us ye Subscribers, and from thence we have Layd out a town way as ye path now made use of untill it Comes to the house of Robert marble, an

to go on ye west Side of his house, and So untill it Comes to ye Land of william Harise and Joseph Tem[p]le and then the way to goe one half in ye Land of ye Said Harise and the other half in ye Land of Sd Joseph Temple untill it Comes to ye Land in ye Possession of william Temple, and from thence on ye west Side of ye house of ye neaw Dwelling house of ye Sd william Temple and So as ye path is now trod, and So to go on west Eand of ye Frame Set up by John Peables and So on ye west Side of ye house of Robert Peables, and So along prity near whare ye way is now made use of, untill it Comes near ye house whear John alicksander now Dwells and then to go on ye South Side of ye house and ye East Side of ye Barn, and So as ye way is now made use of untill it Comes into ye Countrey Road, the way throughout to be three Rods wide there being marked trees on ye westerly Side of ye way.

wee ye Selectmen have Set to our hands ye Day and year above written and present the Same to ye town for Confirmation.

William Jenison
Gershom Rice
Nathanil moore
James Holdin
} *Selectmen of Worcester.*

The above mentioned way being presented to ye town on march 4 : 1733-4, was accepted So far as it goes in ye South half part of ye town of Worcester and ordered to be Recorded. J. C. md.

att a Town meeting held at Wotcester, march 4th : 1733-4—

Voted that no person whatsoever, within ye Bounds of this town Shall Receive or Entertain any horse Kind or neat Cattle from any person or persons Living out of [the town?] Excepting from Such as Propriators, to run on ye Comons or unimproved Lands within the Same, or for ye Space of three years next Coming, under ye Penelty of paying for Such horse Kind or neat Creature he Shall So Receive &c., ye Sum of five Shillings to be Received by ye town Town Tresurer, Three Shillings part thereof to be for an towards ye Suport of ye poore of ye Town and to be Disposed of by the Selectmen or overseers of ye poore for that purpose. and ye Remaining Two Shillings to ye Informer being proof thereof to ye Town Tresurer Sufficient to Convict ye parson or persons offending against this vote.

and if any person or persons, being Suspected of Receiving or Entertaining horse Kind or Cattle as aforesd, and Shall Refuse to Clear himself upon oath before one of his majesties Justices of ye peace for Sd County that he has not Directly or Indirectly by himself or by any other person or persons for him, ye Care, Charge, Inspection or Keeping of any neat Cattle or horse Kind to feed on ye Common or unimproved Land as aforesd, Saving Such as are bona fidie his own proper Estate, and that he has not bought ye Same any time under any pretence whatsoever to Save him or her Self from paying ye five Shillings ℔ head as aforesd, Shall for every hed of horse Kind or neat Cattle for which he is Suspected of Receiving as aforesd, pay five Shillings to be Receved & Improved as aforesd, and it is further voted that ye application be made to ye next Court of General Sessions of y^e^ [Peace], to be holden at worcester in and for ye County of Worcester, by the Selectmen for Sd Courts approbation of this vote or by Law.

John Chandler, modrator.

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester, Regularly assembled on april 23 : 1734, for ye Discharge of town Debts, together with Several other articles, at Sd meeting—

Voted and granted to ye Several Persons hearafter named, ye Respective Sums Set over against their names :

	£		
To major Jonas Rice for money advanced for ye town,	00	14	00
to mr. Palmer Golding, assessor for ye year 1733,	00	16	00
to mr. william Gray, assessor for ye year 1733,	00	16	00
to mr. william Nickls for Sweeping ye meeting house,	02	00	00
to william Caldwell on accompt of Fennings Rates,	00	08	05
to Humphrey Tailor for 13 Snaks,	00	03	03
John Clark for 3 Snakes,	00	00	09
Samll Gray for 8 Snaks,	00	02	00
James Tailor for 6 Snaks,	00	01	06
mr. James moore, 72 Snaks,	00	18	00
to Gershom Rice & other Comitte for ye meeting house,	03	06	00
to Tirus Rice,	01	07	09
to John mckonky,	01	08	02
to william Jenison, Esqr.	00	10	00
to william Gray for going to Brookfield,	01	02	06
to Danil ward,	02	08	05
	16	02	09

Voted that Sixpence be alowed for each Ratlesnak that any person Shall Kill within this town the Ensuing year, provided the Ratle be produced & brought to ye Selectmen.

Voted that fifty pounds be assessed on ye Poles & Rateable Estats in Sd town for ye Suport of ye Schoole in Sd town.

Granted to the Reverand mr. Isaac Burr fourty Pounds in Bills of Creditt as a gratuity to inable him ye better to perform the work of ye ministry in worcester, and ye assessors are Directed and Impowered to Levey ye Same on ye Inhabitents of ye town accordingly.

Voted that Lieut. moses Rice, mr. James Tailor & John Chandler, Esqr. be a Comitte to Call ye Town Tresurer to an accompt and to Settle acco^ts^ with him and make Report to ye town as Soon as may be.

Voted that ye above Comitte Setle acco^ts^ with ye Rev^d^ mr. Isaac Burr Refering to his Sallirey heartofore.

Voted that one pound, Seven Shillings and nine pence be added to ye town Debt & payd to Tirus Rice to Reimburs him what he is taxed for ye town and ministers Rates for his brother Barzilla, his Rates, he being out of ye town in ye time of taxing.

Voted that ye Sum of one pound, eight Shillings & two pence be added to ye town Debt & payd to John m^c^Konky to Reimburse him his town and ministers Rates, he being in ye north half of ye town.

Voted that three pounds be Levied on ye Inhabitents of ye town for Repairing ye glase windows in ye meeting house.

Whearas it has been found by Experience that it is very hurtfull for Rams to run at Larg on the highways & Comons in the Sumer Season, &c^t^ : by Reason that the Ews Lamb in the winter Season and are therby much Exposed and often Dye for Remedy whearof,

Voted that if any Ram or Rams Shall be found goeing at Larg as aforesd from ye first Day of angust to ye Tenth Day of november following annually untill ye Town Shall further order, ye Said Ram or Rams So Running at Larg Shall be forfited, and it Shall be Lawfull for any Person or Persons Inhabiting this Town to take Said Ram or Rams to his and their own use and behoofe for Ever and ye Selectmen are Desired to prefer this vote to the next Court of General Sessions of ye peace to be held for ye County of worcester, for their confirmation of the Same.

Voted that the Sum of one hundred Pounds be Levied on the Poles and Estates of ye Inhabitents of ye South half of Worcester, in proportion to ye Province Tax of ye Last Year or as near as may be by ye Selectmen, for making, mending & Repairing Bridges, highways & Town ways in Sd South half, & that they give Lists thereof To the Surveyors of highways with Directions for working out ye Same, and that the whole be Compleated by ye Last Day of october next. That it Shall be at ye Liberty of all persons to work out their part of Said Tax provided they attend upon Due warning given by ye Surveyors to them to work, and that ye following prices be alowed, vizt: from ye first Day of april to ye first Day of June, for a man Eight Shillings, for a Yoak of oxen four Shillings, for a Cart two Shillings; and from the first Day of September to ye first Day of november for a man Six Shillings & for a Yoak of oxen three Shillings, for a Cart one Shilling & Sixpence ₱ Day, they finding them selves & working faithfully.

and Such persons as Dont work upon Due warning as aforesd to pay their Taxes in money to be applyed in hireing men & Teems at ye Cheapest Lay to effect ye work Designed as aforesaid, and all persons who Shall make it appear to ye Selectmen that ye year past they have worked at mending Said ways & more than their former Tax, to be alowed for ye Same out of their parts of this Tax.

Attest: John Chandler, modratr.

[Extract form a Warrant dated May 13, 1734.]

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You are also to give notice to ye Inhabitents Living on ye Northrly Side* of ye Countrey Road Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs, that they assemble Together on Sd Twenty Seventh Day [of May]† at half an houre past two of Sd Day as aforesd, to accept ye Report or Return of ye Comitee appointed to accompt with ye Revd mr. Burr & with ye Town Tresurer if they See Cause, and also to grant ye hind Seets in ye Galleryes to Such persons as

*The inhabitants of the South part of the town received a similar notice.

†No record of this meeting appears.

have or may Petition for ye Same for Liberty to build & Erect them into handsome Long pews to Sit in: in Such way & manner as ye Town Shall think proper.

April 19: 1734.

The accompt of Danil Heywood, Tresurer of ye Town of Worcester from march 1731-2 to this Day.

				£.	s.	d.
The Sd accomptent Chargeth himself with what he has Reed of what was out Standing with former Constables, as ye acctt made up and Setled with William Jenison, Esqr. march 13th, 1731-2, amounting to ye Sum of				52	02	02
Also with a Schoole Rate Comitted to wilm Caldwell, the Sum of				15	19	09
To Robert Peables ye Sum of				11	17	11
				27	17	08
Also with a Tax, part for ye ministers Salary for ye year 1732, Comitted to Constable Calwell,	33	2	8			
Constable Peables,	28	8	1	61	10	9
Also with a Tax for Compleating ye Salary for ye year 1732, of Constable Calwell,	22	11	0			
Constable Peables,	18	11	8	41	2	8
Also with a Town Rate for ye year 1732, of Constable Calwell, 16 9 5; of Constable Peables,	13	7	9	30	17	2
The Said accomptent Chargeth himself with a Town Rate for ye Charges of ye year 1733 and Lists Comitted as follows:						
Constable Isaac moore,	62	2	2			
Constable willm mclellan,	75	2	9	137	4	11
also with a Tax for ye ministers Salary for ye year 1733, and Lists Comitted to Constable moore,	45	12	9			
Constable mclellan,	54	7	3	100	0	0
				450	15	4
The Said accomptent Dischargeth himself with ye following Sums. payments, vizt: payd wyman Schoolemaster,				16	10	0
payd mr. williams, Schoolemaster,				4	10	
payd ye Comitte for ye meetinghouse,				24	00	0
Cash payd mr. Burr, his Salary & gratuity for ye year 1732				100	0	0
				145	0	0

payd mr. Rogers, Schoolemaster, half years wages Due march 1732-3	25	0	0			
payd major Rice as pr Receipt,	2	4	0			
payd Palmer Golding,	2	6	0			
payd John Chandler, Esqr.	1	8	6			
payd mr. Burr his Salary & Gratuity for ye year 1733,	100	0	0			
pd Richard Rogers a years Salary end in march Last,	50	0	0			
pd Samll Boutwell in part of his,	3	0	10			
pd willm Jenison, Esqr.	6	12	0	335	11	4
To what is outstanding with Several Constables namly, Robert Peables, Town Rate,	13	7	9			
part willm Calwell,	0	8	5			
part Isaac moore Rate,	46	6	0			
part of willm mclellans Rate,	66	10	9	126	12	11
			Cred.	462	4	3
			Debt.	450	15	4
advanced by ye Tresurer,				11	8	11

Worcester, april 29 : 1734.

℔ Danil Heywood, Town Tresurer.

The Comitte To whome was Refered ye Town Tresurers accts which are hearwith Exhibited, Report that they fiend them Right Cast & well vouched by proper orders & Receipts, are therefore of opinion that Cpt. Danil Heywood, Town Tresurer, be Discharged from ye Sum of three hundred & Thirty five pound, Eleven Shillings & four pence, being ye Sundry payments he has made, the balance in his favour being Eleven pounds, Eight Shillings & Eleven pence, that ye Sum of one hundred Twenty Six pounds, Twelve Shillings & Eleven pence being outstanding in ye hands of Several Constables be Still accompted for when Received.

all which is humbly Submitted,

moses Rice
James Tailor } *Comitte.*
John Chandler

axepted.

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at a meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabitents of and belonging to ye Town of Worcester, Duly Qualified to Vote in ye Choice

of town officers, Regularly assembled on march 10 : 1735, at Sd meeting mr. Gershom Rice was Chosen modrt.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T. Clerk.

at ye abovesd meeting, ye following Persons wear Chosen town officers for ye year Ensuing, Vizt :

John Chandler, Esqr., William Jenison, Esqr., Jonas Rice, Esqr. mr. Nathanil moore, mr. James Tailor, Cpt. Danil Heywood, Cpt. Benjamin Flagg, Selectmen.

maj. Jonas Rice, Town Clerk.

Danil Biglo, Andrew m^c^kfarlind, Constables.

obediah ward being Chosen Constable, payd his fine.

Cpt. Danil Heywood, T. Treasurer.

John Chandler, Esqr., Jonas Rice, Cpt. Benj^a^ Flagg, Cpt. moses Rice, mr. Palmer Golding, assessors.

John Chandler, Henry Lee, Esqr., John Biglo, James Tailor, Simon Davice, Gershom Rice, Jr., Zebediah Rice, mr. James moore Robert marble, maj. Jonas Rice, Surveyers of highways.

Jonathan Gates, John Cirtice, Tythingmen.

Cpt. moses Rice, Sealor of Lether.

mr. Palmer Golding, Surveyor of hemp and Flax.

Edward Knight, Isaac millor, jr. Fence Viewers.

James Tailor, Joseph Crosby, Clerks of the markit.

moses Lenard, Isrieal Jenison, Joseph Wooly, hogreives.

Eliakem Rice, Richard Flagg, Field Drivers.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned till the Last monday of march, Instent, at three a Clock afternoon, at ye meeting house, then and there to act on any affaire proper for ye march meeting.

Gershom Rice, modr.

The persons Chosen Town officers for ye year 1735, of whome an oth is required ware Sworn to ye faithfull Discharg of their Respective offices as ye Law Directs.

march 10 : 1735.

Except Andrew m^c^farlind and Israel Jenison.

Worcester, Ss. march 14 : 1734-5.

then mr. Andrew m^c^farlind took ye oath of Constable as within Directed. *Attst:* William Jenson, J. peace.

Worcester, march 15 : 1734-5.

at the Desire of Sundry of ye Inhabitents of the Town the Selectmen mett in order to Lay out a town Road from whear the Country Road meets with Shrewsbury Line to ye Road Leading from ye meeting house by pine medow Bridg to Leiut. Goldings. accordingly from whear ye Countrey Road meets with Shrewsbury Line we Laid Said Road out at & near ye way as it is now trod, till it Comes to ye house of mr. James Tailor, Trees being marked on ye westrly Side Sd Road, and So Continuing Sd Road on ye westrly Side Sd Tailors house, and ye house of mr. Joshua Childs and ye house of wiliiam Callwell & So on to the Road Running from ye meeting house afore Sd, marked trees being made on ye westrly Side Sd Road. all ye marks ware antiently made by a Comitee of ye Propriators of Sd worcester, november 25 : 1719, [ ] one heep of Stons northward of william Callwells house which we now made four perch of his Stone wall, the aforesd marks are to Remain Excepting where it may Interfear with Buildings alredy Set up on ye Eastrly Side Sd way or Road, an there it may Extend westward So as to Steer Clear of Sd Buildings, ye afore Said Town Road to be four perch wide, agreeable to ye Report of ye Comitte of ye Propriators aforesd. The mark trees when it Comes against ye Land of Thomas Binney & abraham wheelor, are ye South Eastrly bounds of their Land as orignaly Laid out.

as witness our [hands],

Willm Jenison
Nath^ll^ moore
John Chandler
Danil Heywood
Benj^a^ Flagg

Selectmen of Worcester.

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at a meeting of ye Selectmen, march 26 : 1735, mr. Richard Rogers, our present Schoolemaster, having this Day fullfiled his Last year, it is agreed that ye Sd mr. Richard Rogers forthwith Repair to ye house of mr. Palmer Golding and there Keep ye Schoole till further order.

By order of ye Selectmen,

Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

at a Town meeting of ye Inhabitents of ye Town of Worcester, Regularly assembled may 19 : 1735, at Sd meeting ye following articles wear voted, vizt :

Voted that ye Rev^d^ mr. Burrs Sallery for ye future & untill ye Town Shall otherwise order, be one hundred and Twenty pounds in Bills of Creditt P annum, and that ye Same be assessed and apportioned on ye Polls & Estats of ye Inhabitents of ye South half of worcester according to Law, and payd annualy.

Voted that ye Sum of Seventy four pound, one Shilling and one peny be assessed on ye Polls and Estates of ye Inhabitents of ye South half part of worcester, and that fifty pounds part thereof be applied by ye Selectmen for & towards ye procuring a Suitable Schoole master ye year Current, and ye Remainder being Twenty three pounds, Sixteen Shillings & one peny be paid to ye Sundry Persons hear after named in Discharge of their accounts, vzt : To John Chandler, Jr., Esqr. the Sum of Eleven pounds, Seven Shillings & Eight pence, being ye County Tax for ye year 1733 which he paid and offered ye town in Lieu of painting ye meeting house which the town Declined takeing & Expect that be Don according to former promise.

The following Sums are voted :

	£.	s.	d.
To mr. Danil ward for Sweeping the meeting house ye year past,	02	00	00
To mending ye pound & Stocks, majr. Rice & othrs,	00	08	06
To Solomon Johnson, 21 Snaks tails,	00	10	06
Andrew mcfarland, 5 tails,	00	02	06
James mcKonky, 27 tails,	00	13	06
Palmer Golding, 2 tails,	00	01	00
Samuell Gray, 3 tails,	00	01	06
James Tailor, 3 tails,	00	01	06
To ye assessors ye Last year, 3 Days Each,	01	16	00
To ye assessors for ye Valluation, 3 Days Each,	03	00	00
To william Gray for Sundry Services as Constable,	00	11	00
To will Dunlap for Sundrys for ye meeting house,	01	17	00
To Danil Heywood, Town Tresurer, to Inable him to make up accouts with willim Gray, Constable for ye year 1733, for James odares Rates,	01	10	05
	11	13	05

Voted that william Jenison, Esqr. be a Trustee in ye Roome of mr. John Hubbard, for ye Last £60 000 Loan, he having Left ye town. Sworn.

Voted that ye Selectmen Set up a Suitable Sign Post near ye meetinghouse, and that for ye future all townmeetings untill otherwise order Shall be warned as follows :

Vizt., by a Constable posting up notifications on Said Signpost, under ye hands of ye Selectmen or major part of them, Seting forth ye heads or articles to be Transacted at Sd meeting.

Voted that Sixpence apeace be payd by ye Town to Such persons as Shall ye Current year Kill Ratle Snakes and bring the Tails thereof to ye Selectmen, which Tails they are to burn & Consume.

Voted that John Chandler, Jr., Esqr., mr. James Tailor, Cpt. moses Rice, mr. Joshua Eton, Leiut. more & Lieut. Tho. Stearns be a Comitte to account with ye Rev^d^ mr. Burr for his Sallrey the Last year & take his Discharge, that they also account with Capt. Danil Heywood, Town Tresurer, and make Report of their doings to ye next Town meeting.

Voted that ye Town Reconsider their vote formerly passed for building a School house in ye Centre of ye South half of worcester, and ye persons formerly appointed to find Said Centre, do with what Conveianent Speed they can find whare a Centre Line will Strike ye Countrey Road, and that a Schoole house of ye Demensions formerly voted to be built at or as near that place as may be, and that Cpt. Heywood, Cpt. Flagg, Leiut. Stearns, william Jenison & mr. John Smith be a Comittee at ye Charge of ye town to Build and finish Said house.

Voted in answer to ye Sixth article* In ye warning that william Jenison, John Chandler, Henry Lee, Danil Gookin, Jonas Rice, Esqr., Cpt. Heywood, Gershom Rice, Jr., Leiut. Stearns, Cpt. Rice. Cpt. Flagg & mr. Joshua Eaton be a Comitte to take Sd article

*The sixth article in the warrant was as follows:

"To See if ye town will Come into Some proper vote or method for ye Disposing, Leasing or beter Improving the publick Land in ye South half part of ye town Called ministry and Schoole Land that ye town may the beter Reep ye proffit & advantige Designed by ye original Grant thereof for ye Ends & purposes for which they were Granted."

under Consideration, that they Draw or propose Some proper Scheem for Said town to Come into in order for ye Towns Reeping ye proffitt & advantige of the ministry Land and School Land agreeable to the first Grant thereof, and Lay ye Same before ye Town at their next meeting for their further Consideration.

Voted that ye Sume of one hundred pounds be Leveyd on Polls and Estats of ye Inhabitents of ye South half part of ye town of worcester in proportion to ye Province tax of ye Last year or as near as may be by ye Selectmen, for makeing, mending & Repairing highways &c. in the South half of Sd town, Sd tax to be Improved or aplyed in manner & form agreeable to ye tax of ye Last year for Repairing highways. *Attest:* John Chandler, modr.

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*at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester on march 1, 1735-6, Regulerly assembled for ye Choice of Town officers for ye year Ensuing, at Sd meeting Gershom Rice Chosen modrator.

Attest: Jonas Rice, Town Cler.

at Sd meeting ye following Persons wear Chosen Town officers for ye year Ensuing, Vizt:

Gershom Rice, James moore, James Holdin, Gershom Rice, Jr. & John Stearns, Selectmen.

Jonas Rice, Town Cler.

Ebenezer Flagg, Constable.

John Cirtice, Constable.

Gershom Rice, Jr., Town Tresurer.

Palmer Golding, Elijah Cook, Solomon Jonson, assessors.

Jonas Rice, Surveyor of hemp & flax.

John Chandler, Esqr., Henry Lee, John Biglo, James Tailor, Simon Davice, Gershom Rice, Jr., Zebediah Rice, James moore, william Templ, maj. Jonas Rice, Surveyors of highways.

Thomas Glezen, Charles Davenport, Tythingmen.

C. moses Rice, Sealor of Lether,

Zebediah Rice, Richard Saidmare, Benj^a^ Gates, hogrieves.

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*The last article in the warrant for this meeting was "To See if ye Town will Raise a proper Sum of money to Purchise a Bell with for ye meeting house."

Eliakem Rice, John mconkey. Field Drivers.

James Tailor, C. of ye markett.

Edward Knight, Isaac miller, fence Viewers.

at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of worcester on march 1 : 1735-6, Regularly assembled,

Voted that ye Selectmen take Care and provide a Lawfull Schoole master for ye Instruction of Youth in ye town of worcester ye year Ensuing.

Voted that if any Ram or Rams Shall be found going at Larg from ye first Day of august to ye Tenth Day of november in this present year 1736, the owner or owners of Such Ram or Rams Shall forfitt & pay ye Sum of Ten Shillings to be Recovred by ye Town Tresurer for ye use of ye poore of Sd Town, and it Shall & may be Lawfull for any person or persons Inhabiting this Town to take up any Such Ram or Rams and put them into ye publick Pound, giving notice to ye owner if Known, and if onknown then to Set a notification on Some publick place in Sd town and if no owner appears within Six days and redeem Sd Ram or Rams, then to be proceeded with as Strays and Sold to Satisfie ye penelty and Charges. and ye Selectmen are Disired to prefer this vote to the next Court of General Sessions of ye peace for ye County of worcester for their Confirmation of ye Same. Gershom Rice, modr.

Whearas by the Law of this province Incourigment is given for ye Killing of wovles, yet notwithstanding ye wovles Still Continue very troublesome and mischevs, Especily among young Catle & Sheep, wherby people are much Discouriged from Keeping Sheep which are So necessary for Clothing—Therefore for further Incourigment for Killing of wovles,

Voted that whosoever Shall Kill any grown wolf within ye Bounds of worcester from ye Tenth Day of march Current to ye Tenth Day of march in ye year 1736-7, Shall be Intitled to a reward of Four pounds, and for a wovls whelp other than Such as Shall be taken out of ye Belly of any Bitch wolf, ye Sum of Twenty Shillings, to be payd by ye Town of worcester, the heads to be proceeded with agreeable to an act of the General Court,* page 259 of ye province Law Book. Gershom Rice, mod.

*The portion of the act referred to was as follows:

"The Constable in the Presence of one or more of the Selectmen, Shall

at a meeting of the Selectmen of worcester, Feb. 21 : 1735-6. at ye Request or Disire of Sundry of ye Inhabitents of Sd Town. Layd out a Town way two rods and a half wide, beginning at the house of L. James Holdin and So on ye Eastrly Side of his fence as it now Stands to the River, then turning and runing by the River up to ye pond, then turning and runing over ye pond by ye Dam provided Said Chase will Enter into Sufficiant obligation to build and maintain a good Bridg over Said River, that is to Say, what Said Bridg Shall Cost then to Build in any other place in ye River, that is So Long as ye Town Continues ye road at that place Said Chase to maintain as abovesaid.

William Jenison
Nath^ll^ moore
Jonas Rice
Benj^a^ Flagg, Jr.
James Tailor
} *Selectmen of Worcester.*

accepted by ye Town & ordred to be Recorded, Gershom Rice, mod.

at a meeting of ye Selectmen, april 29 : 1735, at ye Disire of Sundry Inhabitents, agreed and Layd out a by way three rods wide from Shrewsbury Line to ye Countrey Road by ye house of Joseph Crosby by mark trees on ye north and westrly Side Said Road.

Jonas Rice
Nath^ll^ moore
James Tailor
Benj^a^ Flag
} *Selectmen.*

accepted.

Gershom Rice, modr.

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester on april 12 : 1736. John Chandler was Chosen modr.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

at Said meeting, Voted that Cpt. Danil Heywood Discount £1-7-7 with william Gray, Late Constable for ye year 1734, being moses Smiths Rates.

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cut both the Ears off the Same, and Such Selectman or Men and Constable. Shall give the party a Receipt for the Said Head expressing whether it be a grown wolf or a whelp; and upon producing Said Receipt the Party Shall be paid and allowed by the Selectmen or Treasurer of Such Town, out of the Town Stock, for the Same, as in and by the Said Act is directed."

Voted and alowed to ye Several persons hearafter named ye Sums Set against their names for Sarvice Don :

	£	s	d
to Danil Biglo, Constable, for warning Several people out of Town,	£1	0	0
mr. Biglo appeared in ye meeting & with Drew his motion above & forgave ye Town ye £1 0 0.			
granted to major Jonas Rice, being assessor ye year 1735,	0	12	0
granted to Benja. Flagg, being assessor in ye year 1735,	0	12	0
granted to Cpt. moses Rice, being assesor ye year 1735,	0	12	0
Palmer Golding, assesor for ye year 1735,	0	12	0
for Rattlesnaks—			
Andrew mcfarlind 7	0	3	6
willm Calldwell 7	0	3	6
Robert Blare 5	0	2	6
Robert Gray 4	0	2	0
Samll Thomas 6	0	3	
Isaac moore 7	0	3	6
obediah ward 42	1	1	0
	4	07	

Voted that ye Sum of Sixty pounds be assessed on Poles & Estats of ye Inhabitents for ye Suport of ye Schoole in Sd Town.

Voted that any person that Shall bring any Rattlesnaks tails to one or more of ye Selectmen within Six Days from this time Shall be alowed for ye Same.

Voted that Coll. Chandler, Jonathan Gates, Jacob Holms, Jotham Rice & Solomon Jonson be a Comitte to auiditt and Setle ye accompts with ye Revd mr. Burr for his Sallery ye year past, and also with Cpt. Danil Heywood, Late Town Tresurer, and to receive of him Such Sum of money as may be in his hands on Such Setlement, & auiditt, & there upon to give him a proper Discharge & to Deliver Sd Sum into ye hands of ye present Town Tresurer at which time ye Selectmen are Disired to be present & to give proper orders to ye Town Tresurer to receive what may be Due from former Constables & to pay ye Same to whome it is Due, and Sd Comitte are Disired to make report as Soon as may be to ye Town,

Voted that ye fift article* in ye warrant be refered to ye Day of

*The fifth article was "To Receive ye vote of money for Repairing high ways & Bridges in Sd Town."

ye Choice of a Representative, & that Coll. Chandler, major Rice & Ebenezer Flag be a Comitte to prepare a proper vote for ye Efectual Enforcing and Compelling persons to work out or pay their Respective Tax & ye article is accordingly adjourned to Sd time.

John Chandler, modr.

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at a meeting of ye Freeholders and other Inhabitents of Worcester Qualified to vote in ye Choice of Representative on april 22 : 1736, at Said meeting Collonel John Chandler was Chosen by a very grate majority. *Attest:* Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

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at a Town meeting held at Worcester by an adjournment, april 22 : 1736, by adjournment from ye first of march, 1736,—

Voted that ye Sum of one hundred pound be Leveyd and assessed upon the Polles and Estats within ye South half ye Town by the Rule that ye Last Province Tax was made to be aplyed to and for ye makeing, mending & Repairing ye Bridges, Casewayes, highways, &c. in Sd South half, in Lieu of that Sum granted in ye year 1735 not assessed.

and the assessors are hearby derected forthwith to make Sd assessment and Deliver Lists Thereof To ye Constables Respectively with warrants for Collecting ye Same, between ye Tenth Day of november and ye first Day of January next, to be payd into ye Town Tresury, and ye assessors are hearby Farther directed to Deliver to ye Selectmen Copyes of Said assessment, who are to draw out Seprate and Distinct Lists for Each Surveyor of highways within Sd South half the Town, with Directions and orders whear he Shall See Each mans part or proportion of Sd Tax or assessment worked out, and Sd Surveyors are to follow Such Directions and to give Seasonable notice to ye persons Concerned in their Respective Lists to work at making, mending or Repairing all Such Roads, Bridges, &ct. within the Limits whearto they are Respectively appointed. and Sd Surveyors are hearby ordered & directed To give to those persons that Shall Duly & faithfully work out his Tax, a Certificate thereof which Shall be Sufficient for ye Constable to Cross out or Discharge Such persons Rate Tax, anything hearin Contained to ye Contrary notwithstanding.

And the following wages Shall be alowed to Such as work, vizt: to each person who Shall in ye Judgment of ye Surveyer work faithfully from this time to ye Last of June next, Eight Shillings, for a Yoak of oxen fower Shillings, for a Cart two Shillings, for a horse three Shillings ℔ day; and from ye first Day of Septr. to ye Tenth Day of novembor, To each person who Shall work as aforesd Six Shillings, for a Yoak of oxen three Shillings, for a Cart one Shilling & Sixpence, for a horse Two Shillings & three pence ℔ Day.

and all persons who dont upon Due warning given work out his or their Rate or Tax and produce a Cirtificate therof to ye Constable in whose list he is Contained, by ye Tenth Day of november next, Shall be Liable and Subject to pay ye Tax assessed on him, which money So assessed and payd into ye Tresurey Shall be Delivered by ye Town Tresurer to ye Surveyor in whose List Such Defective person Stands or to the Succeding Surveyor, to [be] applyed for and towards making, mending and Repairing all Such Bridges, Roads, Casewayes as are within the Limits to which Such Defective person was to work.

And to ye Intent that Justice be Don to those who have worked more than their former Taxes for ye years 1733, 1734, and those that did work in ye year 1735, they bringing a Cirtificate thereof from the Selectmen to ye Surveyors Respectively in whose list Such person Stands, Shall be alowed by Such Surveyor for ye Same out of his Tax, So much as ye Selectmen Shall think fitt and Reasonable.

Voted that Cpt. Benj^a^ Flagg, major Jonas Rice, mr. Andrew m^e^farlind, Leutt. James Holdin and mr. Joshua Childs be a Comitte to make inquiry who have before ye year 1733 Expended any Sum or Sums in Labour in work on any Large Cart Bridgs more than their Just parts, and Report ye Same with the Respective Sums to Each mans name at the next town meeting for further Consideration.

The foregoing votes passed at Sd meeting.

Attest: John Chandler, Jr., modr.

At a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester, march 14: 1736-7,

Regulerly assembled for ye Choice of Town officers for the year Ensuing, &ct. John Chandler, Jnr., Esqr. Chosen modrator.

At Said meeting The following persons wear Chosen Town officers for ye year Ensuing.

John Chandler, Jur., Esqr., William Jenison, Esqr., mr. Joshua Child, Cpt. Benj^a^men Flagg, mr. Palmer Golding, Selectmen.

·major Jonas Rice, Town Cler.

·Jonas Rice, Jur., ·Robert Peables, Constables.

Robert Peables Servs in Room of Robert Gray.

·mr. Palmer Golding, T. Tresurer.

·John Chandler, Jr., Esqr., ·William Jenison, Esqr., ·mr. Solomon Jonson, Assessors.

major Jonas Rice, Surveyor of hemp, flax.

Messurs. ·James Holdin. ·Charls Davenport, ·Solomon Johnson, ·T. Stearns, ·Danil Biglo, ·John Curtice, william Harise, ·Elijah Cook, ·Jonathan Gates & ·Timothy Brown, ·Syprian Stevens, Surveyors of highways.

·mr. John Smith, mr. John Smith, Jur., Tythingmen.

·mr. Jotham Rice, Sealer of Lether.

·Samuell Dunkin, ·william Hariss, ·Thomas Adams, Hogreives.

·Eikem Rice & ·John m^c^konky, Field Drivers.

mr. James Tailor, Cler. of ye markit.

·Eliakem Rice, Edward Knight, Isaac miller, Fence Viewers.

Town officers for ye year 1737 being Sworn are prickt.

Voted that ye Selectmen Take Care and provide a Suitable Schoole master for the Instruction of youth in ye Town ye year Ensuing.

Voted that ye Sume of Sixpence a peace be alowed as an Incourigment to Such person or persons as Shall Kill a Ratle Snake within the Town ye year Ensuing & bring ye Tail to one of the Selectmen, the Tail to be Consumed to ashes.

Voted that ye Sum of Twenty pound during ye Towns pleasur be added to ye Revd mr. Isaac Burs Sallery So as to make ye Same in ye whole one hundred & fourty pounds ℔ annum, and ye assessors be & hearby are Directed from year to year, to assess ye Same on ye Polls & Estats of the Town according to Law.

Voted that ye Sum of Twenty Seven Shillings be alowed & payd to Andrew m^c^farlind for John Townsends Rates, he being gon out of ye Govrment.

Voted that inasmuch as ye County Road Latly Layd out from worcester to Sutton fully answers all persons Traviling that way, that therefore the Town way Leading partly through ye Land of Eliakem Rice and partly through Land of James Holdin Leading to Black Stones River be Discontinued.

Whearas much damige hath been Don by black birds, blew Jays and wood peckers by Taring up Indian Corn & Devouring ye Same in ye fields, &c., therefore

Voted that Every person belonging to this Town that Shall from the first Day of april to the Last Day of may next Kill any black birds, and for one year next Coming who Shall Kill any wood Peckers or blew Jays & bring the heads thereof to ye Town Tresurer, Town Clerk or either of ye Selectmen Shall be Intitled to a Premiam or Reward of three pence for Each head, producing a Certificate thereof, & that ye Same be Consumed to ashes.

Voted that william Jenison, Esqr. & mr. Gershom Rice be a Comitte to Repair to ye grate falls at ye Head of Providence River or whear black Stones River falls into ye Saltwater, to See if it be practicable for the falls to be made passable for fish to Come up Sd River, provided ye Towns Lying on Sd River or near adjoyning Joyn in Sending Comittes also, and make Reporte as Soon as may be.——note. ye Sd Comitte offered to goe upon free Cost.

*In answer to ye Request of ten persons Desiring to be Dismist and Released from the Suport of ye Rev^d^ mr. Isaac Burr, Pastor of the Church in the Town, or from any other Except mr. Johnston, &c., The Town Came into the following vote, vizt:

*The above was the answer to a petition from the Scotch Presbyterians resident in the town, praying to be relieved from the tax for the support of the Rev. Mr. Burr, they having settled a minister of their own denomination, the Rev. William Johnston. It is termed in the margin "an answer to ye Irish Petition." The following is the article in the warrant concerning this matter:—

"To See if ye Town will grant a Request of John Clerk & others praying to be Dismist from paying towards ye Suport of ye Rev. mr. Isaac Burr, Pastor, or ye ministry Carrid on after ye Congrational way by ye Sd mr. Burr, minister of ye Church, according to the Establishment of this province, in this town, &c., as pr ye Request appears."

The answer, as printed in Lincoln's History of Worcester, differs in language from the above.

The Town upon meture Consideration think that the Request is unreasonable and that they ought not to Comply with it upon meny Considerations :

i first, that it Doth not appear in ye Petition who they are that Desire to be Set off, only from ye names of the Subscribers. that it would be for the Town to act two much at Randum to Set them off upon Such a General Request.

ii Secondly, it doth not appear that ye Petitioners or others joyning with them have been act[uat]ed by Just Reason or any Such principles of Conscience as Should at all neccesatate their forsaking ye assembling themselves with us. For as to ye westminster Confession of Faith which they Say they Promised adhearence to in their baptism, it is ye Same which we hold & maintain and desire to adhear to. and as to the worship discipline & Goverment of ye Church as it is Set forth by the assembly of Devins at westminster, they are not Substantially differing from our own professed principles. as themselves well know, they may enjoy the Same worship, ordinences and Christian prevelidges & meens of their Speritual Edfication with us in ye way which they Call Presbyterian and their Consiences not be Imposed upon in any thing.

Forasmuch also, as a number of those now withdrawing from us ware Joyntly Concerned in ye Setlement of ye Rev^d^ mr. Isaac Burr, our present minister, and joyned with us in Church fellowship & Communion, and we know not why it Should be Contrary to their Consciences to Continue in Communion and worship with us,—but have Rather Reason to think that their Sepration is from Some irreguler views and motives which would be unworthy for us to Countenance.

iii we look upon ye petitioners and others braking off from us as they have Done. full of irregulerity & Disorder, not to mention that the ordination of their minister they Speak of was Disorderly with respect even to the principles which they themselves pretend to act by, as well as with respect to us to whome they Stand Related, and with whome they Cohabitt and Enjoye with us in Common all proper Social, Christian & Civel Rights & privelidges. but their Seperating from us being Contrary to the publick Establishment and Laws of this province, and Contrary to their own Cov-

enant with us, and also very unreasonably weakening to ye Town whose number and Dementions, ye north part being Excepted by ye vote of ye Town from paying to mr. Burr, will not admitt of ye Honrble Suport of two ministers of ye Gospel, and tending to breed and Cherish Devisions & parties greatly Distructive to our Civel and Religious Intrests, ye peace, Tranquility and hapyness of the Town.

upon all which and other accounts ye Town Refuse to Comply with the Request of Dismisting Said Petitioners.

The above passed in ye affermitive by a grate majority, & therefore ordered that the Petition or Request aforesaid be Desmesed.

Voted [that] Cpt. Danil Heywood, mr. Palmer Golding & John Chandler, Esqr. be a Comitte to Setle & adjust accompts with the former Town Tresurer & Transmitt ye Same & money in his hand into ye hands of ye Present Town Treasurer.

Voted that if any Ram or Rams Shall be found Going at Large in this Town from ye first day of august to ye Tenth Day of november in this present year, ye owner or owners of Such Ram or Rams Shall forfitt and pay ye Sum of Ten Shillings to be Recovred by the Town Tresurer for ye use of ye poore of ye Town, and ye Selectmen are Directed to preffer this vote to ye next Court of General Sessions of ye peace for ye County of worcester for their approbation of ye Same.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to ye first monday of may next, at ye meeting house at Two a clock afternoon, and ye third article in ye warning Relating to ye Returns of highways, &ct. be refered to that time for further Consideration.

all ye fore going votes wear passed at Said meeting.

Attest: John Chandler, Jr. modra.

The Comitte apointed to Settle acco^tt^ with the Revd mr. Burr Respecting his Sallary for ye year 1735, and to auditt & Setle accounts with Cpt. Danil Heywood, late Town Tresurer, persuant to ye Vote of the Town of ye 12 Instent, having attended that Service and Carefully Examined the Town Book for ye grants of money from time to time—

Find an over plus in ye ministers Tax & the Tax for payment of Town Debts to ye year 1732 of			6 19 3
we also find 3 10 Remaining in the Tresurers hand of the 5 paid him by Jotham Rice for not Serving as Constable. 20s. 3 10 0 being paid to Dr. wheet, & 10s paid to one Troy. pr order. also 5 in his hands. Due from ob. Ward,			5 0 0
we also find he has Rec'd of ye Town Tax granted in the year 1735, of Danil Biglo 10 14 8. of and. mcfarlind 4 5,			14 19 8
			£30 8 11
we also find that he has paid of ye orders Rec'd novr 10: 1735 as follows:			
To Richard Rogers, School master, in part			12 11 0
To Danil ward, 40s. major Rice, 20s., 6,			3 0 6
To andrew mcfarlind, 2s., 6. Samuel Gray, 1s., 6,			0 4 0
To william Dunlap, 37s., 6. william Gray, 11s.			2 8 0
To himself for James odares Rates,			1 10 5
To himself pr Discot wm. Gray abt mos. Smith Rats,			1 7 7
			21 1 6
So that there is in his hands			9 7 5
			30 8 11
The Town Rate Granted in 1735 was	74 1 1		
Danil Biglos part was	39 7 5		
pd as above	10 14 7	due 28 12 9	
andr. mcfarlind, part was	34 13 8		
paid as above	4 5	due 30 8 8	
In all 59 1 5 to ye Town.			
We find there is Still Due of ye Tax of 1735 to ye following persons, vizt:			
To mr. Richard Rogers, School master,			37 9 0
To Solomon Johnson 10s, 6. James Conkey			1 4 0
To Palmer Golding 1s. James Tailor 1s, 6			0 2 6
To ye asessors for ye year 1734, vizt.—John Chandler, Esqr., Lee & Cpt. Flagg, each 12s.			1 16 0
To ye assessors for valuation, vizt.—Chandler, Flag, Cpt. Rice & Golding, each 12 s.			2 8 0
To Jhon Chandler, Jr., Esqr.			4 7 8
So that there is Due or in ye hands of ye Constables			54 7 2
To be paid to ye Tresur. more than is to pay out			4 14 3
			59 1 5

This £4 14*s* 3*d* with y^e^ £9 7*s* 5 Due from Cpt. Heywood maks a ballence of £14 1 8 in favour of ye Town after all ye Debts are paid.

We have Reconed with ye Revd mr. Burr & have Got his Discharge for ye year 1734 & 1735.

all ye Rates & Taxes for the other years we find exactly agree with ye grants of ye Town, and ye Town Tresurer having paid mr. Bur & given Discharge to ye Constables for those Rates, we Dont Report any further thereon. we have finally given Cpt. Heywood a Discharg and taken a Rect of ye present Tresurer for y^e^ £9 : 7 : 5 for ye Towns use. all of which is humbly Submitted.

℔ John Chandler, Jonathan Gates, Jacob Holms, Jotham Rice, Solomon Johnson } *Comittee.*

M^r^. Treasurer Heywoods accompts.

Received of De. Danil Heywood, Town Tresurer, on ye accompt of my Sallery, ye Sum of Eighty pound money with ye addition of fourty pound money for ye year 1734, for which I give my thanks.

Worcester, may 1 : 1735. Isaac Burr.

120 : 0 : 0.

Worcester, april 5 : 1736.

Received of D. Danil Heywood, T. Treser. one hundred & Twenty pound in Bills of Creditt in full for my Sallery for ye year 1735. ℔ Isaac Burr.

120 : 0 : 0.

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at a meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabitents of Worcester, Duly Qualified to vote in ye Choice of a Represntitive, Regulerly assembled on may 2 : 1737, at Said meeting Collonel Chandler was Chosen for ye year Ensuing by all ye votes except one.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

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att a meeting of ye Inhabitents of ye Town of Worcester held at

ye meetinghouse, may 2^d^, 1737, by adjournment from ye 14 Day of march Last.

The Return of a Town Road Layd out by ye former Selectmen Leading from Leicester Line through ye Land of Isaac moore and others as p^r^ ye Return appears, was approved and Ratified by ye Town and ordered to be Recorded.

Voted that Simon Davice be a Surveyr of highways in ye north half of worcester ye year Ensuing, and then meeting Desolved by a vote of Town. *Attest:* John Chandler, Jr., modr.

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att a meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of worcester held at ye meeting house upon Due warning given, may 2^d^: 1737, The following account being Laid before the Town was Read and voted that ye Same be alowed and payd to ye persons to whome the Same is due, Namely :

to william Calwell for 23 Ratle Snak tails,	0	11	6
To Charles Adams for Seven Snakes tails,	0	3	6
To James Holdin for five,	0	2	6
To Abner Lee for three,	0	1	6
To John mckonky for eleven,	0	5	6
To Isaac witherby for five,	0	2	6
To Danll ward for taking Care of ye meeting house the year 1735,	2	0	0
To Cpt. Rice for taking Care of ye meeting house ye year 1736,	2	0	0
To Palmer Goulding & Elijah Cook, assessors for the year 1736, Each 24s,	2	8	0
To Solomon Johnson, assessor ye year 1736,	0	16	0
To James Boyd for one Pole over Rated ye year 1736,	1	5	3
To Ebenezer Flag for Andrew Grahams Rates,	1	5	3
To Ebenezer for will Browns Rates in part over Rat,	1	0	9
To Danil Biglo for James wallises Rates,	1	8	6
To Palmer Golding for mr. meKnitts [?] Rates,	0	7	6
To ye Selectmen for ye year 1736, mending ye Pound,	0	10	0
To ye present Selectmen to answer ye Towns presentment,	1	10	0
To John Curtice for Richard Scidmors [?] Rates, John Hunters & William Whitakers Rates they being gon out of ye Town before he Receid ye Lists to be Returned if he Receivs it	3	18	4
To Edward knight for his Rates for ye year 1736, he being Rated at woburn	2	11	8

To ye County Tresurer for ye Towns part of the Road Laid out to Sutton,	4	9	0
To Andrew mckfarlind, voted in march last	1	7	0
amounting in the whole to ye Sum of	26	14	3

Voted that ye Sum of Sixty pounds be Raised for the Suport of a Schoole from ye time mr. Rogers Last year Expired.

Voted that the Sum of Twenty five pounds in hands of William Jenison, Esqr., being formerly assessed for buying a Town Stock, also a Surplus of former Taxes & money payd by persons not Serving as Constables amounting to Thirteen pound, four Shillings & ten pence be Deducted out of ye afforesaid Sums, and that ye Remaining Sum, being Forty nine pounds, nine Shillings and one penny be Leveyed and assessed on ye poles & Estates of ye Town ye year Ensuing according to Law, which with ye aforesaid Sum to be paid into ye hands of ye Town Tresurer or his Successors, be by him paid according to Such orders as he Shall Receive from ye Selectmen for payment of ye Debts abovesd.

Voted that m^r^. Gershom Rice, Jr., Late Town Tresurer, paying into ye hands of m^r^. Golding, ye present Town Tresurer, ye Sum of Eleven Shillings & Seven pence, ye ballence of his accompt, that he be Discharged.

Voted that Cpt. Heywood, Ensign ward, m^r^ Samuell Brown be a Comitte to agree with a Suitable person or persons at ye Charge of ye Town, to Fence ye burying place in Such manner as they may Judge Proper, and Lay an account before ye Town fore their allowance, the burying place to Contain about one acre and on[e] half if it may be.

The aforesaid votes passed at the aforesaid meeting.

Attest: John Chandler, modrator.

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of worcester Regulerly assembled on october ye Tenth, 1737.

at Said meeting Cp. Benj^a^ Flagg was Chosen modr.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

Voted at Sd meeting that ye Town will Build a good Cart Bridg over y^e^ [Blackstone River] in ye County Road Leading to Sutton.

Voted that a Comitte of three men be Chosen to Let out ye building of ye above mentioned Bridg or accomplish it themselves if they See Cause, at ye Charge of ye Town.

Voted that major Jonas Rice, Decon Nathanil moore & mr. Ebenezer Flagg be ye Comitte to take Care that ye above Sd Bridg be Compleated.

Voted that Twenty pounds be assessed on ye Inhabitents of ye South part of worcester, to be Improved towards Beiulding ye Bridg over ye River in ye Road Leading to Sutton, and that it be added to & made with ye next Town Rate.

Upon hearing ye Report of the Comitte appointed to view ye falls on Blackstons River—

Voted that Thirty pounds money be Levy^d^ on the Inhabitents of worcester and Sd money Comited to ye Care of a Comitte for that purpos, to Dispose of ye Same for the making ye above Sd falls passable if they See Cause, Said money to be added to ye next Town Tax.

Voted that Cpt. Flag, mr. James Tailor be ye Comitte to Dispose of ye money above granted according to their Discretion, and account to ye Town. Benj^a^ Flagg, Jr., modr.

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of Worcester, Regulerly assembled on November 27 : 1737, to Receive ye Return of ye Comitte apointed for ye Building a bridg over Blackstons River in ye Road Leading from worcester to Sutton.

at Said meeting William Jenison, Esqr. was Chosen modr.

Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

at the above Said meeting the accompt of ye Comitte being Layd before ye Town, was accepted and

Voted that nine pound, Sixteen Shillings and Sixtpence be assessed on ye Inhabitents of ye South part of worcester, with ye Twenty pound alredy granted towards Building ye Sd Bridg, and that it be payd out to the Labourours to whome it is Due as follows, in full Discharg thereof :—

Vizt:	£				
To Jonas Rice,	02	15	06	Benja. Gates,	00 15 00
Nathanil moore,	03	13	09	Abraham wheelor,	02 01 00
Ebenezer Flagg,	05	04	00	Nathanil moore, Jur.	00 18 06
Charls Adames,	02	05	00	James Holdin, Jur.	00 12 06
Jonas Rice, Jur.	02	06	03	Jacob Holms,	00 05 00
David Cambell,	00	07	06	Danil Holdin,	01 00 00
Tirus Rice,	00	12	06	Danil Dunkin,	00 05 00
Jezeniah Rice,	02	05	00	Josiah Holdin,	00 02 06
Absalom Rice,	01	10	00	Thomas Adams,	01 00 00
Berzilli Rice,	01	07	6	Elisha Rice,	00 10 00
					29 16 06

Attest: William Jenison, modrator.

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of worcester on march 6 : 1737-8, Regulerly assembled, ye following Persons wear Chosen Town officers for year Ensuing, John Chandler being Chosen modrator of Said meeting, Vizt : Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

John Chandler, Esqr., Willi. Jenison, Esqr., C. Danil Heywood, majr. Jonas Rice, C. Benj^a^ Flag, Selectmen.

maj^r^. Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

Solomon Johnson, James Furbush, Constabls.

Palmer Golding, T. Tresurer.

Coll. Chandler, mr. Samuell Brown, Cp. Benj^a^ Flagg, assessors.

Jonathan Gates, Thomas Adams, John Curtice, Isaac moore, Thomas Stearns, Charls Deavnport, Edward Lyon, william Harise, Joseph Clerk, Samuell Hubbard, James Gray, Surveyers of highways.

Edward Knight, Danil Biglo, Tythingmen.

Jotham Rice, Sealor Lether.

Joseph Hubburd, James Holdin, Jur., James m^c^onkey, Nath^ll^. moore, Jur., hogreives.

Eliakem Rice, Edward Knight, Field Drivers.

mr. James Tailor, Clerk markitt.

Jezeniah Rice, Iseril Jenison, Absalom Rice, Fence Veiwrs.

Town officers for ye year 1738 all Sworn to their Respective offices Except Solomon Johnson.

Voted at ye above Sd meeting that meshurs Gershom Rice, Jur.,

Danil ward, Jonathan Gates, John Cirtice and James moore be a Comitte to provid a Suitable Schoole master For ye Said Town, the year Ensuing.

Voted that Coll. Chandler, William Jenison, Esqr. and mr. James Tailor be a Comitte to Setle accounts with ye Town Tresurer, and also with ye Revd mr. Isaac Burr, and make Report.

Voted that the Incourigment granted for Killing of birds ye year 1737 be Continued this present year.

Voted that if any Ram or Rams be found going at Large in this Town from ye first Day of august untill ye Tenth Day of November in this present year 1738, the owner or owners of Such Ram or Rams Shall forfit and pay ye Sum of Ten Shillings to be Recovred by ye Town Tresurer for ye use of y^e^ [poor] in Sd Town, and ye Selectmen are Disired to prefer this vote to ye next Court of General Sessions of ye peace for ye County of worcester, for their approbation of ye Same.

at the Disire of Sundry Persons, Inhabitents of this Town, a Town Road Layd out two Rods wide by us ye Subscribers. Said Road begining at a heep of Stons, being the South East Corner of ye Land of mr. Palmer Golding near a peace of Comon Land Adjoyning to ye Land of Charls Davenport, So Runing about westerly by marked Trees on ye Northerly Side of Said Road till it Comes to ye Path Leading from ye house of Said Deavenport, then to Run about north through Leui^tt^. Goldings Land by marked Trees on ye East Side of Sd Road till it Extends to ye Land of mr. Jonathan Gates, then to Run about Northwestrly or as Said Gatesis Land Runs, till it Coms to ye Town Road Leading from ye meeting house in Sd Town, the whole of ye two Rod to be in Sd Gateses Land So far as it Joyns to him.

Worcester, march 4 : 1737-8

we Consent & give ye Land
So far as ye Sd way goes through our Land.
Palmer Golding,
Charls Deavnport.

Benj^a^ Fllag, Jur. } *Selectmen*
Palmer Golding } *of*
William Jenison } *Worcester.*

The above Return was aproved of by ye Town and ordered to be Recorded. *Attest:* John Chandler, Jr., modrator.

march 6 : 1737-8.

We ye Subscribers, Selectmen of worcester, at the Desire of mr. Jacob Holmes and mr. Samuell Brown, have Laid out a Town way of two perch wide as follows, vizt: begining at ye north East Corner of Land of ye heirs of James Buttler, Deceased, at Land Left for a Road East of Said Buttlers heirs Land and then to Extend west in ye Line of Said heirs Land Bounding on Land of Said Brown about fifty perch, the Road to be in Sd Buttlers heirs Land. then turning and Runing through Said Browns Land Northwestrly, Southward of his Dwelling house, and then near Sd Course to a Stake and heep of Stons on a knowle, then Elbowing or Rounding Sd Knowl to a Tree and heep of Stones, and from thence a Northerly or northwesterly Course a Cross Swampy Land to a heep of Stones on ye Southwestrly Side of a Ditch Dug by Said Holmes near ye northerly Eand of a Causway, then Turning more northwesterly, Runing on the Southwestrly Side Said Ditch or Drean to a heep of Stones near ye Path as now Trod. Then Extending Still northwesterly on ye northrly Side Sd Path to a heep of Stones near Said Holmses mill Dam, and then to Sd Dam, Crossing ye Same, then Runing northerly upon a Strait Line within two perch of the westerly End of Sd Holmeses Dwelling house, and then near ye Same Course till it meets with Land of mr. Thomas Stearns, then Crossing Said Stearns his Land much as ye Path is now Trod till it Comes to a hollow, then Turning a litle westrly and Runing by a Pitch pine Tree marked, and then into ye Road Leading from mr. Palmer Goldings to ye meeting house, Said way of two perch wide to Lye on ye Southerly and Southwestrly & westrly Side of Said mark or Lines.

Worcester, Febry 1 : 1737-8

we Consent & give
ye Land through ours,
Samuell Brown,
Jacob Holmes.

William Jenison
Benj^a^ Flag, Jur.
John Chandler, Jur
} *Selectmen of Worcester.*

To be Layd before ye Town of worcester at their anuell meeting in march next for their approbation.

accepted by ye Town & ordered to be Recorded.
march 6 : 1737-8

Attest: John Chandler, moderator.

Voted that ye meeting be adjourned to ye first monday in april next, two a Clock afternoon.

Attest: John Chandler, moder.

Received of mr. Palmer Golding, Town Tresurer, on accom^t^ of my Sallery, the Sum of one hundred & Twenty pound bills of Credditt being for the year 1736. I Say Received ℔ me,

Isaac Burr.

Worcester, may 17 : 1737.
£120 : 0 : 0.

Received Feb. ye 9th : 1737-8 of mr. Palmer Golding, the Sum of Thirty four pounds, nineteen Shillings & Sixpence, being in full for my Salary Ending ye first of april, 1737.

℔ me, Richard Rogers.

£34 : 19 : 6.

Received of the Town of worcester on account of my Sallry for ye year 1736 ye Sum of £120 : 0 : 0 ; for the year 1737 the Sum of £140 : 0 : 0 ; and for ye year 1738 the Sum of £140 : 0 : 0 for which Sum I have alredy given Receipts.

I Say Received ℔ Isaac Burr.

Worcester, march 19 : 1738-9.

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att a Town meeting held at Worcester on monday the third day of april, 1738, at one of ye Clock in ye afternoon, John Chandler. Jur., Esqr. was Chosen modrator. *Attest:* Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

at Said meeting ye following Sums of money wear granted, vizt :

To James Harrad for his Taxes for ye year 1737 on Condition of his being Removed & [ ] at Glasgow	02 00 00
To Timothy Green, he being Taxed & having payd at maldin for ye year 1737.	02 01 03
To John Patrick his Rate, he being poore and Removing out of Town,	02 00 00
To John Chandler, Jur., Esqr. for John mcConkeys Town & ministers Rates, he being in ye north half, 1737,	01 06 02

To James Furbush for one Pole over Rated 1737,	02 00 00
For ye Suport of a Sutable Schoole master in the Town ye year Ensuing,	60 00 00
To Cpt. Benja. Flagg for 29 black birds heads,	00 07 03
To Jacob Holmes for 9 heads,	00 02 03
To Thomas Gleason for 13 heads,	00 03 03
To Andrew mcfarling for 9 heads,	00 02 03
To John Dunkin for 12 heads,	00 03 00
To James Tailor for 7 heads,	00 01 09
To John Cirtice for 7 heads,	00 01 09
To Charls Adams for 4 heads & a Tail of a Ratle Snake,	00 01 06
To Thomas Parker for 18 heads,	00 04 06
To Thomas Rice for 5 heads & 9 Tails of Ratle Snakes,	00 05 09
To John Clerk 4 Tails this year & Eleven Last year,	00 07 06
To william Gray ye third, 4 heads,	00 01 00
To Joseph Clerk, 34 heads,	00 08 06
To Decon moore for 46 heads,	00 11 06
To Palmer Goldin for 25 heads,	00 06 03
To Samuell Gray for 12 heads,	00 03 00
To Abraham wheelor, 3 heads,	00 00 09
To Cpt. moses Rice for Sweeping ye meeting house,	02 00 00
	74 19 02

Voted that ye aforesd Sums amounting in ye whole to Seventy four pounds, nineteen Shillings & Two pence be Levyed on the Poles and Estates of ye South half of worcester according to Law for ye payment of ye Respective Sums aforesd, and ye assessors are Directed to make Said assessment accordingly.

Whearas thear has of Late been grate hurt & damige don by wolves, Especily with Regard to Killing of Sheep, wherefore for the Encouriging ye Killing of wolves—

Voted that all persons belonging to this Town who Shall within ye Space of one year from this Day, Kill any grown wolf within ye County of worcester, and Shall make ye Same appear to ye Selectmen of this Town, agreeable to ye Rules prescribed in ye Law Relating to ye Killing of wovls, and producing a Cirtifiecut thereof agreeable to Law, that ye Ears thereof have been cut off and burnt To ashes, Shall be Intitled to ye Sum of Eight pounds in Bills of ye old Tenner, and for Every wolves whelp Saving Such as are Taken out of ye belly of any bitch wolf, & proceded with according to Law, forty Shillings—To be payd out of ye Town Tresurey.

Voted that ye Comitte appointed ye 2^d^ of may, 1737, to fence in ye burying place, be disired To proceed as Speedily as may be therein, and to fence in ye Same with a Two Raild fence & a Stone wall under it, & Lay their accompt before the Town for payment.

Voted that Coll. Chandler, major Rice, Cpt. Flagg, Cpt. Heywood & Decon moore be a Comitte to project & Lay before ye Town as Soon as may be, Some proper Scheem for ye better Improving & more Efectually applying the proffits of ye Land Lying in ye South half of worcester belonging to ye ministers & Schoole, by Leasing ye Same or otherwise, that So ye Inhabitents of Said South half may Reap ye fruit, benefitt & proffitts thereof intended by ye original Grants.

The aforesd votes passed. John Chandler, Jur., modrator.

Att a Town meeting held at worcester on monday 3^d^ day of april, 1738, at Two of ye Clock in ye afternoon, by adjournment from monday ye Sixth day of march Last.

mr. Solomon Johnson having payd a fine of five pounds for not Serving as Constable, the Town proceeded to Chuse a person to Serve in his Room & Robert Blare was unanimously Chosen.

and then ye meeting was adjourned To monday ye 15th day of may next, at three a Clock afternoon, To ye meeting house by vote.

Attest: John Chandler, Jur., modrator.

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at a Town meeting held at Worcester on may 15 : 1738, for ye Choice of a Representative, John Chandler, Jur., Esqr. was Chose by a unanimous vote. *Attest:* Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

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att a Town meeting held at Worcester, may 15 : 1738, by adjournment from the third Day of april Last.

Voted that Richard ward be allowed for 18 black birds heds and one Ratle Snaks Tail, 0 5 0 ; that James moore be allowed for 70 black birds, 0 17 9 ; To Jacob Holmes for nine heads, 0 2 3.

Voted that ye Town will Reconsider their vote for not allowing Incourigment for Killing of Ratle Snakes for ye present year, and that any person who hes Sence ye Sixth day of march Last past.

and Shall for one year ensuing, Kill any Ratle Snaks in this Town and bring ye Tail to any of ye Selectmen & tak a Cirtficate thereof & that ye Same are burnt, Shall have Sixpence for Each Tails to be payd him out of ye Town Tresurey.

John Chandler, Jur., Esqr., Surveyr, and ye Comitte appointed to find whear a Center Line will Strike the Countrey Road in order to build a School house there or as near as may be in Some Suitable place, made Report.

and thereupon ye Town Come into ye following Vote, Vizt:

Voted that ye Comitte or those that Still Live in the Town formerly apointed to build a Schoole house, doe as Soon as may be, Erect and finish a School house of Demensions formerly voted, at or near the northwest Corner of ye Land of John Chandler, Jur., Esqr., whear he now dwells and as his fence now Stands, and that ye Charge thereof be payd out of the overpluse money now Lying in ye hands of ye Town Tresurer as appears by ye Settlement of ye Tresurs Last accompts, and ye Selectmen are drected to give order accordingly. the Comitte are Cpt. Heywood, Capt. Flagg, Lieut. Stearns and William Jenison, Esqr.

Attest: John Chandler, Jr., Esqr.

Persuant to the vote of ye Town of Worcester, I have, with ye assistence of major Jonas Rice, Henry Lee, Esqr. and mr. James moore, a Comitte Chosen by ye Town & Sworn for that Purpose by my Self, found the Centre of ye South half of worcester upon ye Road So far as it was Judged proper for a Suitable place to Sett a School house on, & I Do Report as follows, Vizt: that the north west Corner of my Land whear my house Stands, vizt: as ye fence now Stands, is one hundred Rod Southward of ye Center Line, and was by ye Comitte Judged a more proper place then to have gon to ye Road from the Centre, which would have fell northward of Thomas Dicks house occasioned by the Road Runing as it Does. may 15th: 1738.

Henry Lee, John Chandler, Jur.
Jonas Rice,
James moore.

at a General Town meeting held at Worcester June 21 : 1738, m^r. Palmer Golding was Chosen modrator.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

voted at Said meeting that ye Town Reconsider their vote Last pssed for Seting ye Schoole house, and order by their vote that ye School house be built or Set up between ye Court house and the Bridg below ye fulling mill, Either above or below the Road.

Pallmer Golding, modrator.

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at a General Town meeting held at worcester on march 5 : 1738-9 for ye Choice of Town officers, John Chandler, Esqr. was Chosen modr. *Attest:* Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

at Said meeting ye following persons ware Chosen to Serve for ye year Ensuing, Vizt :

John Chandler, Esqr., James Tailor, C. James moore, Gershom Rice, Jur., C. Benj^a Flagg, Selectmen.

m. Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

Samuell Gray, Samuell Rice, Constables.

C. Benj^a Flagg, T. Tresurer.

John Chandler, Esqr., mr. Jonas Rice, Palmer Golding, assessors.

Joshua Child, James Holdin, Isaac moore, Danil ward, Charles Davenport, Isaac Fisk, Phinehas Heywood, James Calldwell, Jotham Biglo, James How, Danil Biglo, Surveyers of highways.

Jotham Rice, Sealor of Leather.

David Newton, Edward Lyon, obediah ward, will. Harise, hog reives.

william Temple, Isaac Fisk, Field Drivers.

James Tailor, Clark market.

Jezeniah Rice, Isreal Jenison, Absalom Rice, Viewers of Fenc.

Solomon Jonson, Jacob Holms, Tythingmen.

at a General Town meeting held at worcester, march 5 : 1738-9.

Voted that the Selectmen provid a Schoolmaster to Instruct ye youth the year Ensuing.

Voted that the Schoole in Sd Town be a moving School.

Voted that the Schoole be Kept at ye Schoole house in Said Town three months in ye year, Vizt : December, January and February.

Voted that the Inhabitents Southward of halfway River and ye Country Road be allowed to be one quarter of the Town for a Schoole to be Kept, and it to be Kept alternately on both Sides of ye french River unless they other ways agree.

Voted that the Rams be Restrained from going at Large in ye town of worcester from ye Tenth day of august next to ye Tenth Day of november following, under ye penelty of Ten Shillings to be payd by ye owner of Such Ram So goeing at Larg, to be Recovred by ye Town Tresurer to be applyed for ye use of ye poore of this Town, and that it Shall be Lawfull for any person or Inhabitent of this Town who Shall find any Ram or Rams goeing at Large as aforesd, to Cutt Said Ram and be Indemnified for his So doing. and the Selectmen are Desired to git this vote or Town Law approved at ye next Court of General Sessions.

Voted that the Incourigment for Killing of Rattle Snaks for the year Ensuing be one Shilling for each Snak, provided the Tail be brought to ye Town at a Town meeting & afterwards Consumed to ashes.

voted that Coll. Chandler, major Rice & mr. John Cirtice be a Comitte to Setle accounts with ye Late Town Tresr, and also with ye Rev^d^ mr. Burr, & make Report at ye next meeting.

Voted that the Incourigment for Killing of Birds for the year Ensuing be the Same as was the Last year past.

voted that mr. Pallmer Golding, mr. James Holdin & mr. Phineas Heywood be added to ye Comitte for fencing ye Burying place, and ye Comitte are Disired to proceed in that affair and Compleat ye Same as Soon as may be. *Attest:* John Chandler, modr.

[Warrant.]

To mr. Robert Peables, Constable of worcester, Greeting:

These are to Require you forthwith to warn and give notice to Danil Troy and hannah his wife, who are Lately come to Reside in this town, if they may be found in your Pricinck, to Depart out of this town with their Substince, otherwise they must Expect to

be proceeded with as ye Law Directs. Hearof fail not and make Due return to ye Selectmen.

Worcester, December 22^d^ : 1732. Jonas Rice, Nath^ll^ moore, Benj^a^ Flagg, John Stearns } *Selectmen of worcester.*

Worcester, Ss., December 23^d^ : 1732.

I have warned ye within mentioned Danil Troy and hannah his wife, to Depart this Town according to ye tennour of the within written warrant.

Robert Peables, Const^bl^.

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at a meeting of ye Selectmen of worcester, April 2 : 1734, ordered that mr. Richard Rogers, master, Keep ye free Schoole at ye house of mr. James moore untill further order.

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of worcester, Duly Qualified to vote in Town affairs & Regulerly assembled at ye meeting house, april 16 : 1739, John Chandler, Jur., Esqr. was Chosen modrator.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

at Sd meeting The Comitte appointed ye 5th of march Last, to Setle accounts with ye Late Town Tresurer & ye Rev^d^ mr. Isaac Burr relating to his Salary, made Report in writing under their hands, which was Read and accepted and ordered to goe on file.

Voted that ye Sum of Seventy pounds be granted for the Suport of a proper School master for ye present year, to be Disposed of by ye Selectmen for that purpose.

70 : 0 : 0.

at Sd meeting the following Sums ware also granted :—

To Capt. moses Rice for taking Care of ye meeting house, &c. the Last year, 50s, mending Stock, 5s,	3	00	0
To Cpt. Flagg for 26 birds heads,	0	6	6
To Ephraim Rice for 10,	0	2	6
To Lieut. Holdin for 4,	0	1	0
To James Furbus for 15 & Three snaks Tails,	0	5	3
To Thomas Adams for 27 & Three tails,	0	8	3
To Decon moore for 39 heds,	0	9	9

To Gershom Rice. Jur. 39.	0	9	9
To Palmer Golding. 37 heds & 5 Tails.	0	11	9
To william Caldwell. 11 heads.	0	2	9
To Soloman Johnson. 18 heads.	0	4	6
To James moore for 60 heads.	0	15	0
To Edward Lyon. 24	0	6	0
To william mahan. 5	0	1	3
To william Johnson for Sealing a [ ]	0	10	0
To Thomas Stearns. mending ye pound.	1	5	0
To John Tatman. one pole over Rated.	2	0	0
To william Furbus. Dito.	1	10	11
To Doctor Harvey. 54 tails.	1	7	0
To James Tailor. 6 heads.	0	1	6
To Joseph Crosby. 62 heads.	0	16	6
To John Stearns. 24 heads.	0	6	0
	84	14	5

the aforesd Sums amoutting to Eighty four pounds, fourteen Shillings & five pence was voted to be raised on poles & Estats the year Ensuing according to ye vote of ye Town.

Voted that ye Selectmen be Desired to See the necessary Repairs of ye meeting house be made according to their best Judgment, and the Six pounds, five Shillings and Seven pence, a ballence of all former Taxes in ye hands of ye Town Tresurer be applyed for that purpose.

Voted that major Rice, Cpt. Flagg, Decon moore, mr. James Tailor & mr. John Cirtice, or ye major part of them, be a Comitte to Treat with a Comitte of the Court of General Sessions of ye peace for ye County of worcester, about purchasing a Bell that may Serve the Town as well as ye County, & also on a proper place to hang ye Same, and Lay the proposalls before the Town for their further Consideration as Soon as may be.

Voted that Incourigment for Killing of Wolves the present year be ye Same in all Regards as voted by ye Town ye Last year.

the above votes passed,

Attest: John Chandler, Jur., modrator.

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maldin, april 23 : 1735.

To ye Selectmen of the Town of worcester, Gentlemen : we ye Subscribers of this note, Being Chose a Comitte by ye Town

of maldin to asert ye Town of maldins Right to and Renew ye Bounds of the farm Granted* to Said Town of maldin by ye General Court ye Seventh Day of may, 1662, for ye use of ye ministry in Said Town, Do give you notice to meet us at ye house of mr. Joseph Crosby of your Town, on ye Eighth Day of may next at nine of ye Clock in ye morning, in order to Run ye Boundry Line and Renew ye Bounds between Said farm and ye Land adjoyning to it in your Town.

Danil Newhall,
Samuel mower,
Samuel Blanchard.

at a meeting of ye Selectmen of Worcester, In answer to ye within notification, william Jenison, Esqr., mr. James Tailor, major Jonas Rice and Cpt. Benj^a^ Flagg are appointed in behalf of worcester, to meet ye above named Gentl^m^ appointed on ye part of ye Town of maldin, to Run and Renew ye Boundry Line above mentioned, & to Sign proper Duplicats of their Doings to be Returned to Each Town.

John Chandler, Willm. Jenison, Nath^ll^ moor, James Tailor, Jonas Rice, Danil Heywood, Benj^a^ Flagg — *Selectmen of Worcester.*

We ye Subscribers in behalf of ye Town of maldin, this Day met with persons aponted to Represent ye Selectmen of ye Town of worcester, in order to Renew the anciant bounds of ye farm Caled maldin farm, Lying partly in ye Town of worcester and partly in ye Town of Shrewsbury, and have Renewed ye Said bounds with them So far as they are Concerned, viz: begining at a heep of Stones in ye town Line, thence Runing to a Red oake tree blown down and marked **M** being the Southwestrly Corner of Said farm, and thence by Sd farm Line to a white oake tree in ye Line between worcester & Shrewsbury. Witness our hands may 8: 1735.

Danil Newhall, Samuel mower, Samuel Blanchard — *Comitte in behalf of ye Town of maldin*

*This grant was for one thousand acres.

To the Selectmen of Worcester,

Gentm. :

These to Inform you that according to your Disire we have made Choice of Peter Smith, Jonathan Foster & Elias Keys to perambulate or Renew the Bounds Between the Towns of worcester and Shrewsbury with those parsons you have appointed for Said Service. Dated at Shrewsbury may 29 : 1727.

John Keys } *Comitte of*
John Keys } *Shrewsbury.*

These may Certifie the Selectmen of Worcester that on the Sixth day of June 1727, having Recived notification from your Selves to perambulate with those whome you appointed between the Towns of Worcester and Ruttland, accordingly we met on Sd Day at time and place & Renewed & Setled the Lines between Said Towns.

Sam[ll] Wright } *Selectmen*
Joseph Stevens } *of Ruttland.*

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at a meeting of y[e] Selectmen of worcester, may 19 : 1735, then ordered that the Settlement within Expressed, together with y[e] notification Sent to Selectmen of y[e] town of worcester from y[e] Comitte of y[e] Town of maldin, be Recorded In worcester town Book of Records.

Will[m] Jenison,
John Chandler,
Jonas Rice,
Benj[a] Flagg.

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at a meeting of y[e] Inhabitents of worcester, Qualified to vote in Town affairs, Regulerly assembled at the meeting house, may 23 : 1739.

The Comitte apointed the 16 Instent to Confer with a Comitte of the Hon[ll] Court of General Sessions Respecting the purchising a Bell &c., made Report, which was Read and accepted by y[e] Town and thearupon voted that the Town will pay Sixty pounds Towards purchising a Bell not to waygh Less then Three hundred pounds,

and that one half of ye Frame with all ye necessery appurtinences for hanging Said Bell be payd by the Town, Said Frame to be Erected near a Small Tree on ye northrly Side the Highway, a Litle northeastrly of Cpt. Heywoods Dwelling house; and major Rice. Decon moore, mr. James Tailor & mr. John Cirtice be a Comitte to Joyn with a Comitte of Said Court for purchising Said Bell and Building Said Frame &ct., and for Coming into proper articles and agreement with Said Courts Comitte Relateing thereto.

Voted that the following Sums be alowed to ye following persons. Vizt:

To Doctor Hervey for Sixty five Snaks,	3	5	0
To Samuel Gray for Six Snaks & 12 birds,	0	6	6
To mathew Clark for five Snaks & nine birds,	0	4	9
To Cpt. James moore for Snaks & birds,	0	5	9
To Palmer Golding for 26 birds,	0	6	6
To Cpt. Heywood for 27 birds,	0	6	9
To Danil ward for Six birds,	0	1	6
To abraham Wheelor for Snaks & birds,	0	7	6
To Robert Blare for warning persons out of town,	0	9	0
To Syprion Stevens, 15 birds heads,	0	3	9
To Joseph Crosby, birds heads 20. tails 10.	0	15	0
To Charles Davenport, heads 9, tails 6,	0	8	3
To Benja. Flagg, Snaks tails,	0	2	0
To Jezeniah Rice, 5 tails,	0	5	0
To Thomas Parker, birds heads 17,	0	4	3
To Elijah [ ], 28 birds heads,	0	7	9

Voted that ye Sum of Ten pound be granted for ye Repairs of ye meeting house. 10 : 0 : 0.

Voted that in Case there is not money in ye Tresury or any allowence for mr. Durent for keeping School a month ye year past, that then ye Same be & now is granted in ye Same proportion as mr. marsh had.

Voted that Such parsons as Shall bring ye Tails of Ratlesnaks or ye heads of birds to ye Clerk within one week, Shall be allowed for them, and the assessors are hearby Directed in making ye Town assessment to add all Said Sum into ye Tax.

Voted that ye Selectmen be freely Impowered at ye Charge of ye Town, to Culler ye windows, Doors, wether bords & Jetts, girts, Bainesters into ye Pullpit and Gallary & Stairs, white wash ye plates

and posts, and all other necessary Repairs of ye meeting house as they Shall Judge proper.

The above votes past,

Attest: John Chandler, Jur., modr.

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at a meeting of ye freeholders and other Inhabitents of & belonging to worcester, Duly Qualified to vote in ye Choice of a Representative and Regulerly assembled at the meeting house in Sd Town on may 23 : 1739. at Said meeting John Chandler, Jur. Esqr. was unanimously Chosen. *Attest:* Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

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at a General Town meeting held at Worcester octobr 19 : 1739. at Said meeting Cpt. Benj^a^ Flagg was Chosen modrtor.

Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

at Said meeting mathew Gray, Jur. was Chosen Constable to Serve the Current year in ye Room of Samuell Gray who was Elected in march last and is Sence Removed out of this Town.

Voted that Twenty pounds be Leveyed on poles & Estats in ye South half of worcester, five pound whearof to pay mr. Richardson for preaching, and ye Remainder to be applyed for Compleating ye finishing the meetinghouse, and ye assessors are Directed to add ye Same to ye next Town tax.

Voted that the affair Relating to ye Sixty Thousand pound Loan mentioned in ye third article, be Referred for further Consideration till ye next Town meeting, and ye Trustees are Disired then to Lay their accompt before ye Town.

Voted that ye Request of Joseph Crosby Relating to his fine* be Refered for further Consideration till ye next meeting.

Benj^a^ Flagg, Jur., modrator.

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of worcester on December 28 :

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*The following is the article in the warrant having reference to this matter:—

"To See what ye Town will do Relating to ye Request of Joseph Crosby about ye fine layd on him for Selling Strong Drink without License. vizt: whether they will abate him all or part thereof which belongs to the Town."

1739, Regulerly assembled, at Sd meeting William Jenison Esqr, was Chosen modrator. Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

at Sd meeting Elisha Smith and Tirus Rice wear Chosen to take Care that ye violaters of ye act for ye preservation of Deer be Duly prosecuted & punished. William Jenison, modr.

December 28 : 1739. then ye above named Elisha Smith & Tirus Rice were Sworn to ye Faithfull Discharge of their office.

William Jenison, Justice pace.

[The following "Notices" are entered on the last leaf in the Book]

Taken up Damige fiesant & Strayd by James Holding of Worcester, november 13 : 1724, a black horse Colt Coming four years old with a Smal Star in the forehead, haveing no artificial marks.

Strayd by william m^c^lellen of worcester, December ye 2^d^, 1724, a Gray mear Branded with S on Left Shoulder & S B on ye Left Buteuk.

Strayd by Jonas Rice of worcester, a Don mear Colt Coming two years old, with a black List on her back. branded on the near butuck with ye Letter m. Decmbr 27 : 1725.

July 2^d^, 1726 & after.

Taken up Damiag feasent & Strayd by Cpt. Nath^ll^ Jones, a Bay mear Suposed to be about three years old having neither Natral nor artificial mark.

Taken up Damig feasent & Strayd, Sept. 26 : 1726, by Edward King of worcester, a roan horse about 5 years old with a Star in his forehead, branded with ye Letter C on ye Left Shoulder & ye Letter O on his Left Buttuck.

Danil ward Desirs these horses may be Strayd.

a bay mear about 8 years old with a Star in ye face, branded with ye Letter m on ye near butuck, valued at five pounds. also a Black horse Colt Coming 2 years old, branded with ye Letter m on ye near butuck, valued at 5 pounds.

Zephaniah Rice }
Phinias Heywood } *prizers.*

middsx. Worcester, Decmbr 14 : 1726.

upon ye within Disire I have Strayd by ye two within aprizers on oath, ye mear & Colt. I ordain them to be Recorded, withed & Keept & published as ye Law Directs, & ye Expence paid or otherwise Disposed by order.

ye two prizers to have 2 Shillings.

to ye Judge 5 Shillings. John minses, Justice of peace.

Strayd by Danil Rice of worcester, January 14 : 1726-7, a Dark Bay Coult Coming 3 years old, having neither brand nor Ear mark or any natural mark Except Some white on y^e^ of hiende foot.

taken up & Strayd by Edward King of worcester, Janury 9 : 1727-8, a bay mear Colt Coming too years old, Brand on ye Right Shoulder with a **W**, a Star in ye forehead with too white feet behind.

Strayd by Barned m^c^[cnitt?] of Worcester, Janury 12 : 1726-7, one Black heifer Coming 2 years old with a hapeny Cut out of her Left Ear.

also a red heifer Coming 2 yers old with both ears Cropt.

Strayd by william m^c^lellan, January 16 : 1726-7, a brinded brown heifer Coming 2 years old with noch Slit out on ye uper Side of ye Right ear.

January 29 : 1728-9. recived of John Dunkin of worcester, 6 ratel Snaks ratels which he Decleared were killed in worcester the year 1728. ℔ Jonas Rice, one of ye Selectmen of Sd Town.

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THE Worcester Society of Antiquity held its first Regular Meeting subsequent to the Annual Meeting, at the Library of the Society, Tuesday evening, Feb. 4th, 1879, with seventeen members present.—Hon. Clark Jillson in the chair.

The Standing Committee on Nominations made a report, nominating Mr. Nathaniel Paine, Rev. Henry Blanchard and George Jordan, M. D., of Worcester, and Mr. Reuben Rawson Dodge, of Sutton, for active membership in the Society, which report was accepted, and the persons nominated were unanimously elected by a yea and nay ballot. The report of the Librarian, of Donations received during the month of January, 1879, was read by the Secretary in the absence of the Librarian. The matter of the publication of the Proceedings of the Society was referred to, and on motion of Mr. Samuel E. Staples, Albert A. Lovell and Franklin P. Rice were added to the

Publication Committee. On motion it was voted that the Department of Ancient Manuscripts, Publications and Engravings be allowed to report in print.

A Special Meeting of the Society was held at the Library, Tuesday evening, February 17th, sixteen members being present. Mr. Crane, in behalf of the Lecture Committee, presented the following report and moved the adoption of the resolutions contained therein.

REPORT.

Your Committee having in charge the management of a Lecture Course, given under the auspices of this society, and which has just closed, the final lecture having been delivered by John E. Russell Esq., of Leicester, would offer the following report:

Total amount of cash received from the sale of tickets, $116,85. Total amount of expenses attending the course, 90,84. Amount of cash, being net profit of the course, still in the hands of the committee, $26,01.

Although the profits of the course, in a financial point of view, seem small, the very favorable impression that has gone out from it, and the public notice that it has given the Society will, we think, add greatly to the future prosperity of our organization; and your committee are confident that had the evening of Feb. 11th been as favorable for lecture goers as the previous evenings had been, our net proceeds would have shown a material increase from what it now is, for it has since come to the knowledge of the committee that many persons who were deprived of hearing Mr. Russell's lecture on account of the unpleasant weather, are desirous that it may be repeated, thereby granting another opportunity for the people of Worcester to hear a fine address, and we desire to offer the following Resolutions and recommend their adoption:—

Resolved, That we extend the thanks of this Society to Professors Alfred S. Roe and Edward H. Rice of our High School, and Mr. Frank F. Fitch, for their valuable assistance rendered Thursday evening Feb. 6th, at Plymouth Chapel, thereby contributing largely to the interest and success of our Lecture Course, the first offered under the auspices of this Society.

Resolved, That we tender the thanks of The Worcester Society of Antiquity to John E. Russell Esq., of Leicester, for his admirable Lecture, "Moorish Remains in Spain," delivered before the Society Tuesday evening, Feb. 11th, at Plymouth Chapel. This most generous act on the part of Mr. Russell has placed the Society under lasting obligations to him, and we but express the sentiment of all who enjoyed the unqualified pleasure of listening to the address, in asserting that it was by far the most brilliant, instructive and interesting lecture that has been presented to a Worcester audience for many years; that the simplicity, ease and grace in which the speaker presented his subject, commanded the admiration of all present, and there comes to us but one unanimous verdict, that of applause.

The above Report was accepted and the Resolutions adopted. On motion it was voted that the funds in the hands of the Lecture Committee be transferred to the Treasurer. Mr. S. E. Staples moved that the matter of inviting Mr. Russell to repeat his Lecture be referred to the Lecture Committee with power to act, which motion was carried.

The regular meeting for the month of March was held Tuesday evening March 4th. On account of the Lecture by Mr. John E. Russell at Plymouth Chapel under the auspices of the Society, occurring

this evening, there was a small attendance, four members only being present. After the reading of the minutes of the last regular and special meetings, it was voted, on account of the lecture and the lack of a quorum for business, to adjourn the meeting for two weeks.

At the adjourned meeting, held Tuesday evening March 15th, there was a full attendance, twenty-three members and four visitors being present.— The Standing Committee on nominations made a report nominating T. S. Knowlton of West Brookfield for corresponding membership, and Pardon A. Lee of Worcester for active membership in the Society. The report was accepted and Messrs. Knowlton and Lee were unanimously elected. A letter from Rev. Silas Ketchum, of Poquonock, Ct., a corresponding member, was read by the Secretary. The monthly report of the Librarian was accepted and placed on file, as was also the report of Mr. Crane in behalf of the Committee on Publication. The President announced, in a few appropriate remarks, the decease of Hon. Elihu Burritt, an honorary member of the Society, who died at his home in New Britain Conn., on the 6th instant, at the age of 68 years. Having invited Rev. Albert Tyler, an associate member, to prepare a suitable memento to be placed in our archives, the Secretary, at his request, and in his absence from the city, read the following memorial which was adopted by a rising vote:—

IN MEMORIAM.

A distinguished man, of world-wide celebrity, known among men of letters as well as among the common people as "The Learned Blacksmith," an Honorary Associate of this Society—Elihu Burritt—is no longer numbered in the ranks of the living. Having almost accomplished his three score years and ten, according to the scriptural alotment of human life—years filled with remarkable acquisition and industrious and laborious work—he has peacefully fallen asleep among the entombed of his generation and kindred, and will mingle no more among the activities of life.

He is dead! The great change came to him on Thursday, the 6th inst., at midnight, at his home in New Britain, Conn., the town of his birth, and his residence since his return from Europe. On the succeeding Monday he was buried with funereal honors, such as are seldom so spontaneously and universally rendered to the dead, by his townsmen and associates, near and far, among the living.

The history of this remarkable man is briefly this. He was born Dec. 8, 1810, the youngest of a family of ten children.—He bore the same name as his father and grandfather. His family were in indigent circumstances, and from his earliest years he learned to be self-dependent. Choosing the blacksmith's trade among the callings open to him in life, he served his time as an apprentice, and was honorably inducted into the ranks of those who swing the hammer, blow the fire, and literally "make the sparks fly"—results which became metaphorically indicative of the work to which his after life was dedicated, in which he struck such sturdy and ponderous blows, in the heat of a zeal resolute and untiring, as that the moral atmosphere was filled with the scintillations of a light that illuminated two hemispheres.

He seems to have been given by nature a taste for the languages—a remarkable genius, so to speak, for their acquisition. By the light of the forge, while the iron was heating, and while he pulled at the bellows, with his book conveniently open for a glance in an unwasted moment, he laid the foundation for his after celebrity. Exhausting the literary resources of his native town, he went to New Haven, where he worked and studied, until

casually hearing of the advantages which the American Antiquarian Society at Worcester presented, to one of his tastes and purposes, he came to this city, then a considerable inland town, and finding employment as a blacksmith, also sought and was cheerfully granted the literary privileges he coveted. By means of the books thus accessible, he became the master of some forty languages. Among these books was one printed in *Alto Breton*, an obsolete dialect of France, unintelligible to the France of this generation—he mastered it, and after doing so, wrote a letter to *The Royal Society of Antiquaries* at Paris, in the dialect thus acquired. That letter was received with much surprise by the French savans, who, after writing him a complimentary reply, also wrote to their correspondents in this country making inquiries concerning their unknown correspondent. As a consequence, he was visited at his forge by prominent literary men, who found behind the leathern apron and back of the smut and smirch of the blacksmith shop—the most remarkable linguist of the world! He awoke one morning and found himself famous! as all the papers were teeming with the wonderful narrative of his visitors, concerning the results of their visitations. Worcester people were astonished—none of them had dreamed of the greatness of the modest and retiring laborer they saw wielding the hammer and beating the iron in the forge shop of William A. Wheeler! He became known at once as "The Learned Blacksmith," and very soon was called into literary work before the community. The Lyceum as an institution was just then beginning to furnish a platform for the expression of thought in the cities and towns of New England, and "The Learned Blacksmith" found many a place and many an opportunity to lecture during the following season. His first lecture had for its topic, "Genius," and the burthen of the effort was to show that there was no such thing as genius,—that industry,—a persevering, determined purpose pursued in any direction, would achieve the ends supposed to be attendants of genius. In this lecture the results of his own efforts were attributed to his determination to do, rather than to any natural gifts or tastes, which embodied, are called "genius."

As a lecturer Mr. Burritt was never brilliant in the popular sense, but this lecture on "Genius" contained many moving and

eloquent passages. For instance, while describing the boy climbing up the steep sides of the Natural Bridge in Virginia, that he might write his name higher than any had written before him, the picture seemed so vividly real in the description, that the writer of this expected every moment to see the boy fall from his elevation dead upon the platform!

It was about this time he was sent a Danish law paper, for translation, to be used in a law case at Portland, Me. Nobody had been found who could translate it, and it was sent to him with some misgivings. He accomplished the task to the satisfaction of all concerned, and when asked his price for the work, which was invaluable to the parties, modestly charged them for the time at the same rate as his pay at the forge.

His first venture as a publisher, was the establishment of a monthly magazine, called the "*Literary Geminæ*." It was printed in French and English—one half its space devoted to each language—hence its name. It was published only a single year, because of insufficient support. In fact he had to depend on his forge hammer for means to square the printer's bill at the end of the year.

His next venture was the publication of a weekly paper, called the "*Christian Citizen*," an unsectarian, high-toned, reformatory and anti-slavery sheet, which became a success, reaching to a larger circulation than any other paper ever enjoyed in this locality. Had he contentedly settled down to the work of publishing this sheet, there is no doubt but that the "*Citizen*" would have become one of the largest establishments in the nation; but he had imbibed certain sentiments in regard to *universal peace*, and felt called upon to go out into the world on this mission, leaving to others the conduct of his paper. The result was, as might have been expected, that the paper, losing the prestige of his presence, began to lose its circulation and influence, and was finally sold to parties in New York, and became the acquisition that gave prominence to what has since been known as the New York Independent.

In his mission of peace Mr. Burritt traveled extensively in Great Britain, "doing" the country from John O'Groat's to Land's End on foot, mingling with the common people and sharing their

hospitality. His "Views on Foot," comprising a series of letters to the Citizen, were exceedingly popular. He remained in England some twenty or twenty-five years, during a part of the time filling the office of Consul at Birmingham. He was a member of the celebrated Peace Congresses at Belgium and Paris. While in England he published many books and tracts on the subject of his mission of peace, as he had published several before leaving America. Since his return he has been quietly living at New Britain, and in an unostentatious way, doing something continually for the benefit of his townsmen. He was a bachelor of the "straightest sect," the purity of whose life was unquestioned.—He has said as a reason for his single life, "*that he loved all women too well to satisfactorialy connect himself to a single one in the obligatory love of marriage.*"

Were we to judge of Mr. Burritt's life by its early promise, we could hardly call it a success; for where have we seen any great results from his acquisitions as a linguist? And as regards his mission of peace, what are the results of his long and persistent labors? Seemingly nothing. And yet, shall we conclude such a life to be a failure—such acquisitions as a scholar—such a life as he lived in his unselfish work of peace? Will there not remain an intangible but powerful influence, which, though he is personally gone, shall work out in the hidden future, the mighty results he hoped to achieve while living. Will not his work be recognized, in the finished completeness of God's design, as a helpful instrumentality in bringing about the great finality of "Peace on earth and good will to man."

Mr. E. H. Marble then gave as previously announced, his paper entitled "The Signet and the Ring," being a discussion of the use of signets and their subsequent combination with finger rings among the earlier races, with crayon illustrations from ancient relics of Egypt, Rome and other nations of antiquity.

The lecture was replete with historical information concerning the articles under consideration, and was listened to with interest and satisfaction.

Rev. George Allen being present by invitation, gave some interesting reminiscences of the late Elihu Burritt. He also gave expression to the interest with which he had listened to the lecture given by Mr. Marble, and also referred to the several recent donations to the Society.

A Regular meeting was held Tuesday evening, April 1st, at which eighteen members and several visitors were present. The Standing Committee on Nominations recommended for active membership Dr. John W. Brigham, of Sutton, Mass., and a ballot resulted in his unanimous election. The Secretary read the following letter:—

West Brookfield, March 24, 1879.

Daniel Seagrave Esq.,

Dear sir:—

I received, Saturday, your note of the 22d inst. informing me that I had been elected a Corresponding member of "The Worcester Society of Antiquity," for which honor please convey to the Society my thanks.

Whatever I can do for the benefit of the Society will be cheerfully done.

Yours Respectfully.

T. S. KNOWLTON.

Mr. Crane offered an amendment to article IX. of the Constitution and By-Laws, providing that the Annual Meeting for the election of officers, and for

the transaction of other business, shall be held on the first Tuesday in December of each year, at which time the several annual reports from officers and departments shall be submitted to the Society; providing also that the newly elected officers shall not assume their official duties until the first Tuesday in the month of January following. This amendment was laid over until a future meeting for action, in accordance with Article XII. of the Constitution.

Mr. S. E. Staples presented to the Society a box of shells, gathered several years since on the shores of the Dead Sea, by the late Rev. Horace James of this city. The Librarian's monthly report was read and accepted.

Hon. Clark Jillson then read a paper entitled "Modified Plagiarism," in which he discussed the occasional claims to authorship, of productions very similar in language and style, by different persons. The illustrations of his subject were the two poems entitled "Over the River," one claimed by Miss Nancy A. W. Priest of Hinsdale, N. H., and first published in 1857 and the other published in 1855 as the work of Mira Lizzie Donelson of Northampton, who claimed the authorship of the first named.

Rev. George Allen made interesting remarks upon the subject of the paper. Mr. Stephen Salisbury, Jr., made remarks on the progress of the investigation of the historic remains found in the Maya country in Central America.

The regular meeting for the month of May was held Tuesday evening the 6th, at which there were sixteen members present. George Chandler M. D., and Mr. E. M. Barton Assistant Librarian of the American Antiquarian Society were also present, by invitation. Mr. Albert G. Mann was unanimously elected to active membership. The Secretary read a brief Historical Sketch of the old Foster street Depot, in Worcester, (demolished in 1877,) contributed by Mr. Richard O'Flynn. The Librarian's report indicated large accessions to the library and museum of the Society. Remarks were made by George Chandler M. D., Mr. E. M. Barton and Mr. Nathaniel Paine. Mr. Paine also read extracts from papers in relation to the Brinley Library and the sale of the same.

On motion of Mr. Crane, it was voted that the Executive Committee be authorized to cause to be published the first volume of the "Early Records of the Town of Worcester." said volume to be numbered VI. of the publications of the Society.

Several amendments to the Constitution were offered by Messrs. Lovell, Staples and Crane, and on motion of Mr. Lovell all proposed amendments to the Constitution were referred to a special committee to be appointed by the President. The President appointed as that committee Messrs. Lovell, Crane and Staples; and on motion of Mr. Staples the President and Secretary were added to the committee.

The next regular meeting was held Tuesday evening, June 3d, eighteen members being present; also Mr. Joseph Lovell by invitation. Correspondence from Mr. C. H. J. Douglas of Providence, R. I., an associate member, was read by the Secretary.

Messrs. Augustus B. R. Sprague and Charles Washburne Clark, both of Worcester, were elected to active membership; George Chandler, M. D., of Worcester, to honorary membership; and Mr. George F. Daniels of Oxford, to corresponding membership in the Society.

The President in behalf of the committee appointed to take into consideration sundry amendments to the Constitution, submitted a report of which the following is the substance:—

Amend Article IV. Section 3, by striking out the words "its books," at the close of the first sentence, and insert in the place thereof, the words "such as is otherwise provided for."

Amend Article IV. Section 4, by striking out the word "and" in the second line, and inserting after the word pamphlets in the same line the words "relics, coins, medals, engravings and other collections;" also by striking out the words "of relics belonging to the Society;" also by inserting the word "the" at the end of the fifth line.

Amend Article V., Section 1, by striking out the last two lines.

Amend Article IX., Section 1, by striking out the word "for" after the word "and" in the first line; also by striking out the word "January" and inserting in the place thereof, the word "December" in the third line; also, by inserting after the word "year" in the third line, the following words; "at which time the several annual reports from officers and departments shall be submitted to the Society. The newly elected officers shall not, however, assume their official duties until the first Tuesday in the month of January following;" also by striking out the words "July and" in the fifth line.

Amend Article XI., Section 3, by striking out the word "from" in the first line, and inserting in the place thereof, the word "for;" also, by inserting the word "active" before the word "members" in the fifth line.

Amend Article XIII., by striking out the words "passage and" in the first line.

The Constitution when amended in accordance with this report will read as follows:—

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Society shall be called The Worcester Society of Antiquity.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The purposes of this Society shall be:

1. To cultivate and encourage among its members a love and admiration for antiquarian research and archæological science; and, so far as possible, to rescue from oblivion any historical matter that might otherwise be lost.

2. The collection and preservation of antique relics of every description.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian. Each officer shall be elected by ballot, and only one officer shall be balloted for at the same time. A majority of the ballots shall be sufficient to elect. They shall hold office for the term of one year, and until their successors are chosen.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. *President.* It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, when present. In his absence the First Vice President shall preside; in the absence of the latter, the Second Vice President shall preside; and in the absence of all three, a President *pro tem.* shall be chosen.

2. *Secretary.* It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all meetings of the Society in a book provided for that purpose; to issue all notices of meetings, with the time and place of same; to conduct the general correspondence of the Society; shall notify all persons of their election as members of the Society; shall notify all members elected to office who were not present at the time of their election, within ten days thereafter; and at the expiration of his term of office shall turn over to his successor all books and papers in his possession belonging to the Society.

3. *Treasurer.* The Treasurer shall be sole custodian of the funds of the Society, and of all property or titles to property, real or personal, belonging to the Society, except such as is otherwise provided for. He shall assess and collect all dues and taxes voted by the Society, receive any legacies bequeathed or donations made to its funds; shall disburse the moneys so received and collected, on a written order signed by the President and Secretary, but not otherwise. He shall keep in a book provided for the purpose a true account of all receipts and disbursements; shall submit the same to the inspection of any member when the request is made; shall submit in writing a report of all his receipts and disbursements for the year, and exhibit his vouchers for the same at each annual meeting; shall furnish a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties, whenever the Society, by a vote, may so direct; and shall, at the expiration of his term of office, place in the hands of his successor all books papers and other property in his possession belonging to the Society.

4. *Librarian.* The Librarian shall be the sole custodian of books, pamphlets, relics, coins, medals, engravings and other collections belonging to the Society; shall catalogue the same in

a book kept for the purpose; shall have the care of the entire collection, together with the room in which they are kept, and shall report the condition of the same at each annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

COMMITTEES.

1. The President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute a committee of five, to be known as the Executive committee, who shall have in charge the general interest of the Society; shall prepare for press and have the care of all publications of the Society, unless by a vote the Society see fit, when desirable, to elect a special committee for that purpose; may prepare and present business; may solicit and secure, when practicable, donations to the Society's funds, or collections; shall see that the orders of the Society are promptly carried out, and that the provisions of this Constitution are studiously maintained.

2. This Society shall, at its annual meeting in January, 1877, elect by ballot three persons—one to serve for one year, one for two years, and one for three years—and one for three years at each annual meeting succeeding—who shall be called the Standing Committee on Nominations. It shall be their duty to examine the qualifications of every person proposed for membership, and to put in nomination such persons as they in their judgment think will promote the interests of the Society. Other Committees may be chosen, as occasion requires, but all committees shall report their doings in writing.

ARTICLE VI.

MEMBERS.

1. The name and qualifications for membership of any person of good moral character, having an interest in the objects of this Society, may be presented at any meeting thereof and referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations; and such person may, at the next regular meeting, on nomination by said committee, be elected by a two-thirds ballot of those present. But no person shall be considered a member of this Society until he has signed the Constitution and paid into the Treasury the sum of two dollars.

ARTICLE VII.

HONORARY AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Honorary and Corresponding members may be proposed and elected in the same manner as prescribed for active members; but corresponding members shall not be residents of the city of Worcester.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

It shall be the duty of each member to fill any office or perform any service to which he may be elected or appointed; to endeavor to secure for the Society whatever he can that will add to the number or value of its collections; to bring it to the knowledge and consideration of persons of similar tastes and pursuits; to propose for membership such persons as are known to be interested in its work.

2. It shall be the duty of Honorary and Corresponding members to endeavor to secure articles for its collection, and to interest themselves for its honor and prosperity. Honorary members are expected to correspond with the Society at least once a year; Corresponding members, twice a year, and both Honorary and Corresponding members shall be entitled to all the privileges of active members, except the right to vote or hold office, and shall be exempt from the admission fee and all assessments.

ARTICLE IX.

MEETINGS.

The annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of other business, shall be held on the first Tuesday in December of each year, at which time the several annual reports from officers and departments shall be submitted to the Society. The newly elected officers shall not, however, assume their official duties until the first Tuesday in the month of January following. The other regular meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of each of the remaining months in the year, excepting August. Special meetings may be called by the President, or upon the written request of any three members of the Society. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE X.

ASSESSMENTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

1. *Tax.* The Society may at any regular meeting, by a vote, assess a tax upon its members, not exceeding one dollar *per capita*; but at any annual meeting the Society may assess such sum as may be needed for carrying on the affairs of the Society.

2. *Life Membership.* Any member who shall at any one time pay into the treasury the sum of twenty-five dollars shall be a life member, and shall thereafter be exempt from all assessments.

3. *Claims.* All claims against the Society shall be approved by the member contracting the same, and paid by the Treasurer, on a written order signed by the President and Secretary.

ARTICLE XI.

FAILURES, WITHDRAWALS, EXPULSIONS.

1. Any member who for two consecutive years shall fail to pay any assessment made in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, and shall give no satisfactory reason therefor, shall cease to be a member of the Society, and the Treasurer shall notify the Secretary, who shall make record of the fact.

Withdrawals. Any member may withdraw from the Society by giving notice of his intention to the Secretary and paying all assessments due at the time of giving such notice, and the Secretary shall make record of the fact.

3. *Expulsions.* Any member may, for any breach of trust or malfeasance in office, or for any other cause, be expelled from the Society by a vote of two-thirds of those present at any regular meeting; *Provided*, that the number present shall not be less than a majority of the whole number of active members.—But no member shall be expelled from the Society without first having an opportunity to explain his case at some regular meeting.

ARTICLE XII.

AMENDMENTS.

Alterations or amendments to the Constitution may be made at any regular meeting, by a two-thirds vote: *provided*, that a

notice of the proposed change has been given in writing at some previous meeting.

ARTICLE XIII.

On the adoption of the foregoing Constitution, all other articles previously used for the government of this Society are hereby repealed,

We hereby recommend the adoption of the foregoing Constitution, with the amendments herein set forth.

CLARK JILLSON,
A. A. LOVELL,
E. B. CRANE,
S. E. STAPLES,
DANIEL SEAGRAVE.

On motion of F. P. Rice, the report of the committe was accepted, and the Constitution adopted.

Mr. Crane in behalf of the lecture committee made a report, and on motion it was voted that the funds in the hands of the committee be paid into the Treasury of the Society. The President then introduced Mr. E. F. Thompson, who entertained the members very agreeably for an hour, by reading selections from popular authors.

The next regular meeting was held Tuesday evening, July 1st., at which there were seventeen members and visitors present. In the absence of the Librarian, Mr. A. A. Lovell, who was attending the meeting of the American Library Association in Boston, Mr. E. B. Crane made a report of numerous books and articles received during the month of June. William T. Harlow Esq. and Mr Charles F. Washburn, both of Worcester, were unanimously

elected active members of the Society. The following letters were read by the Secretary:—

WORCESTER, MASS. JUNE 11, 1879.

My dear sir:—

I feel much pleased and honored by my election as an honorary member of The Worcester Society of Antiquity, which your official letter of the 9th instant gives me, and I hereby thank the members of the Society for the honor and privileges thus conferred on me.

Your very grateful servant,

GEORGE CHANDLER.

To Daniel Seagrave, Esq., Secretary of The Worcester Society of Antiquity.

OXFORD, JULY 1, 1879.

Daniel Seagrave Esq., Secretary of
The Worcester Society of Antiquity.

My dear sir:— Your note of the 9th ult., informing me of the action of the honored Society which you represent, in electing myself as one of its corresponding members, came duly to hand. I return to the members thereof my sincere thanks for the honor thus conferred. Being in sympathy with them in the pursuit of the ends for which the Society was organized, I shall attempt to do cheerfully what little I may to advance its interests. With best wishes for the prosperity and success of the institution.

I am very truly yours,

GEO. F. DANIELS.

Prof. F. G. Sanborn, of Andover, and Mr. Thomas A. Dickinson, Superintendent of the Cabinet of the Worcester Lyceum and Natural History Society, were present and favored the Society with some very interesting remarks. Quincy Bicknell Esq., of

Hingham, Mass., made extended and interesting remarks on the subject of Local History, Genealogy &c., in which many important facts were presented that have been omitted in such works. On motion of Mr. Crane it was voted that a committee of three be appointed by the President to consider the expediency of publishing the Proceedings of the Society for the current year. The President appointed as that committee Messrs. Crane, Lovell and Staples.

Mr. Charles R. Johnson offered the following as an amendment to the Constitution:—

"But members may be transferred from the active list to the corresponding list, and *vice versa*, by a two thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Society."

The first regular meeting following the summer vacation was held Tuesday evening, September 2, at which there was a good attendance. The Standing Committee on Nominations made a report nominating Mr. Albert Tolman of Worcester for active membership, and a ballot resulted in his unanimous election. Mr. Crane, in behalf of the committee appointed to consider the expediency of publishing the Proceedings of the Society for the current year, made a report recommending such publication.

The subject of a course of Lectures or Entertainments was brought before the Society, and the matter was referred to the Executive Committee to report at a future meeting. The Librarian read his report for the months of July and August, showing

that 207 bound volumes, many pamphlets, and various relics had been donated to the Society. Interesting remarks were made by Rev. George Allen and Mr. H. M. Smith.

An adjourned meeting of the Society was held Tuesday evening, Sept. 9, but no quorum of the members being present, no business was transacted.

The next meeting was held Tuesday evening, Oct. 7th, at which there were twenty-nine members and visitors present. Mr. Harvey B. Wilder of Worcester was elected an active member, and Quincy Bicknell Esq., of Hingham, Mass., a corresponding member of the Society. A letter from Stephen Salisbury Jr. Esq. enclosing a check for $110,00 for the payment of the Society's indebtedness—a substantial contribution—was read by Mr. Dodge, and on motion of Mr. Crane the thanks of the Society were extended to Mr. Salisbury for his substantial donation. By invitation Mr. George F. Daniels of Oxford read extensive extracts from his "Huguenots in the Nipmuck Country," now in press, which was listened to with interested and undivided attention.

On motion of Mr Paine it was voted that the thanks of the Society be extended to Mr. Daniels, for his very interesting historical sketches read this evening. The Librarian's monthly report was read showing numerous contributions to the Library and Cabinet. The President called the attention of the meeting to number VI. of the Publications of the Society, which had just been issued, viz: Early

Records of the Town of Worcester, Book I., 1722-1739, being the first of a series which the Society propose to publish. Interesting and congratulatory remarks were made by Revs. George Allen and Henry Blanchard, and Messrs. Washburn, Paine, Sprague, Harlow and others.

The regular meeting for the month of November was held on the evening of the 4th, at the rooms of the Society. The day being that of the annual State election the attendance was small. A letter was read by the Secretary from Quincy Bicknell Esq., of Hingham, in acknowledgment of his election to Corresponding membership. On motion it was voted to adjourn for one week.

A meeting was held according to adjournment on Tuesday evening November 11th, at which there were twenty-five members and visitors present.

Charles A. Chase Esq., Mr. Henry H. Chamberlin, Rev. George Whitefield Phillips and Burton W. Potter Esq., all of Worcester, were elected active members, and Charles C. Baldwin of Cleveland, Ohio, George Sheldon of Deerfield, Mass., Henry B. Dawson of Morrisania, New York City, and C. H. Rogers of Plymouth, Mass., were elected corresponding members of the Society. On motion of Mr. Samuel E. Staples it was voted that Mr. Franklin P. Rice be authorized to edit and publish for the Society the second volume of the records of Worcester, the same to be entitled "Early Records of the Town of Worcester," and to be numbered VIII. of the Publications

of the Society. The Librarian presented the following letter:—

35 Madison Avenue,

New York, Oct. 9, 1879

The Worcester Society of Antiquity,

Worcester, Mass.,

Gentlemen:

No. VI. of the publications of your Society is received, for which I tender you my thanks. This is another evidence of the activity of your members in promoting the declared object of your institution.

The execution of this first number of the "Early Records of the Town of Worcester" is in style and manner all that could be desired; and it is a labor that should be adopted by all of the old towns in New England, as in many instances these early manuscript records are in a damaged and fragmentary condition, and liable at any time to entire destruction.

No town history ever gives the minute details as you have done, that insures beyond disaster the complete perpetuity of such records. Several of our States have put in printed form their early colonial records, but so far as my recollection now serves me, this is the first printing of town records; but some towns have made careful written copies of their early records, which is so far commendable, yet as disastrous fires are still liable for the destruction of a single copy, when by printing as you have done, multiplying, as I notice you state 225 copies, it places the safety beyond contingency. It is to be hoped that this valuable and praiseworthy example will be the means of stimulating many of our ancient towns to follow in this direction.

I remain,

With great respect,

Very truly,

HOLMES AMMIDOWN.

By invitation Henry M. Smith Esq. read a most interesting paper entitled "Western Reminiscences." Having enjoyed peculiar opportunities for observing the West in its social, political and material development, his paper was most instructive, and commanded the earnest attention of all present. The paper is here given in full.

WESTERN REMINISCENCES.

Some weeks ago, on suggestion of one of the officers of our Society, my theme came to my mind with little previous thought, and has since almost startled me with what it may seem to pledge and actually disappoint. My Reminiscences of the West on this occasion deal with men and affairs that have already passed into permanent history. What can I add to pages or portraiture already rich and elaborate? The author of one of the early histories of the State of Illinois, commences his first chapter with the story of Adam, the first father of mankind. I hope I shall not too closely imitate his backward far-reaching if as a preface I say something of the springs and helps of growth that created the West I found twenty-eight years ago, when I entered into journalism in Chicago.

It was at the close of a remarkable epoch in our public affairs. The three great rivals and leaders of opinion, Clay, Webster and Calhoun, were just retiring from the stage. New party lines and new channels of public policy were being opened. We were entering upon the great era of realized natural development and extension. Theories and policies that had been rife for a generation were fast bearing fruit. In our admiration for the courage and enterprise of the men of the era of actual material progression, we sometimes fall short of doing justice to the men of the preceding age and their devotion and zeal in theories which in their own time seemed only theories. But these cradled the enterprise that created our systems of communication and builded

our trade centres. Much of the enterprise that wrought material results was imitative and cumulative, made possible because others had led the way, helped forward by what others were doing or had done.

There was great activity in Railroad building in the two decades following 1850, and that era will receive the largest share of the honor, but much belongs to the prophets and apostles of the new dispensation of the Railway who were never blessed by its full appearing, who prepared the way for it, urged it and suffered obliquy in its behalf. The Pacific Railway, suggested in 1846, was old as a national project and solid as an American idea when in May, 1869, the spike was driven to hold the last rail on the transcontinental line. When, in the period following his failure, Jay Cooke and his helpers were soundly belabored for the grandiloquent paragraphs that brought the Northern Pacific route into notice, I could but remember how twenty years earlier than Jay Cooke's railway schemes the marvels of the Saskatchewan and Red River country of the North were themes of earnest and able writers, notably among them Hon. Jacob M. Howard of Detroit, and John L. Scripps one of the founders of the Chicago *Tribune*. We used to print whole columns in support of their glowing ideas of the extension of our best empire into a Northwestern Paradise pushed far toward the frozen zone.

I found the Illinois and Michigan Canal in 1851 a finished and waning fact. It had done its work and was giving place to the railroads. But in this very canal project who were the pluckiest, and whose utterances indicate more far-reaching wisdom and progressiveness, the actual builders who pushed it to completion with the growth of the West intensely active at its terminal points, and throughout the section it opened to trade, or those other men who scored a canal route on the map of a wilderness as a necessity and a destiny? Niles of Baltimore deserves a monument, were it possible for him to have a nobler one than the tall pile of his *National Registers*.

In 1814, in the darkest and hottest hours of the war with England, in the same issue which reports the Battle of Chippewa, and the same volume which relates the capture of Washington

City, with the office force of the Register reduced to Niles himself and a small boy, by the demands of military service for the defense of Baltimore, this man has the wisdom and the courage to pen a paragraph like this:—

"The Illinois Territory contains 50,000 square miles; population in 1810 only 12,282 and now rapidly increasing. The interior is little known, a small part only having been purchased of the Indians. By the Illinois River it is probable that Buffalo in New York may be united with New Orleans by inland navigation through lakes Erie, Huron and Michigan, and down the Illinois and Mississippi rivers. What a route! How stupendious the idea! How dwindles the importance of the artificial canals of Europe compared with this water communication! If it should ever take place, and it is said the opening can be easily made, the territory will become the seat of an immense commerce and a market for the commodities of all regions."*

These were brave words and wise forecast for 65 years ago. But the air and the chronicles in that brave generation were full of such prophecy. In the twenty-five years preceding my first Western journey in 1851, and in the earliest decade of that period, the whole theory of the national necessity of the development of our internal communications had been established as an American idea. The projects were numerous, bold and far-reaching, involving the credit of States as well as individuals.

A turnpike from Maine to Louisiana, as a national measure, was a matter for a Senate report in 1817. In the great canal building era, a canal from Boston to Albany was a well digested scheme in our own state, only kept from realization by the pressing forward of measures for what has become the Boston and Albany railroad. The formal and elaborate report of John C. Calhoun, Secretary of War, to Henry Clay, Speaker of the House of Representatives, is a document 60 years old. You may find it in Niles' 16th volume, (1819) a document full and earnest in its advocacy of great internal schemes of development as a national obligation and duty. Such teachings bore fruit, and it is to such teachings I love to look back in contemplating the

* Niles' Reg., Oct., 1814.

wonderful growth of the West. The zeal and courage of the business age that fed and grew on these precepts was intense.

Philosophers of our day discussing our own recent speculative era, on the shady and repentant side of which we have been sitting for the past few seasons, are intensely severe on our modern folly. But they cannot wisely and well advise us to be taught by our fathers in this matter.

There is nothing new under the sun, not even *fiat* money.—In 1819 the legislature of the new state of Illinois authorized the establishment of a bank with four million dollars capital; two millions to be subscribed in behalf of the State, the Governor to be President of the bank; and inasmuch as there might be some difficulty in getting the people in the new state to put down their share of the amount, it was considerately provided that the bank should go into operation when $15,000 or $\frac{1}{266}$ of the capital should be paid in.*

It has happened before as it will happen again, that each tidal wave of our progress has receded to leave a beach strewn with wrecks and stranded craft. My life in the West began while the great era of speculation, panic and depression, in this first great impulse for national development was still fresh in the minds of living business men.

When I went to Chicago in 1851, and by my profession was brought somewhat widely into some knowledge of Western communities, there were still living a class of public men of prominence, none more closely identified with the history of their immediate neighborhoods than any coming after them can be.

Lewis Cass at Detroit growing old and grown rich and influential in a wealthy city that had sprung up in the fields where he broke his sword across a stump in Hull's surrender: Benton at St. Louis, and ex-governors, judicial magnates and military heroes not a few, were in honor or affluence drawing near the end of their careers in localities where they endured hardship as pioneers. Chicago was full of representatives of her early day, and these men were full of stirring reminiscences. Citizens were there who saw Chicago a forlorn prairie settlement, and had

* Niles' Reg., May, 1819.

themselves looked out anxiously from the block house of Fort Dearborn in the Black Hawk war, men whose lives held the whole history of their communities.

The journey from Massachusetts to Illinois twenty-eight years ago still retained as an important link the great steamboat lines of the lakes, though several railway lines were even then pressing forward to destroy lake travel. The lake steamboats made a gallant struggle with the extending railway system of Canada and the States, and as late as 1854 costly and immense steamers were brought out on lake Erie to continue for a season or two longer—a losing battle with the inevitable.

The early system or military roads and national pikes, the extended surveys for canals that engaged the attention of our fathers was an admirable preparing of the way for the railroad. The Michigan Central railroad was carried across Michigan on the great military road. The line when I passed over it in 1851, had in many places its first outfit of strap rails. I found railway building everywhere active, and even in the wilderness regions strangely helped or hampered by the clinging cobwebs of railway legislation, the legacy of the early development era to which I have referred, the era of great expectations that were sadly ended when Andrew Jackson took the responsibility and the ripened crash of 1837 befel.

The Illinois legislature in 1836 created thirty-seven railroad Charters, all local. Indiania and Ohio were quite as liberal.—These states were gridironed with hazy franchises and half-built lines over which the actual railway builders in 1851 went stumbling and squabbling, building the stray and starveling enterprise into their own schemes, or holding its charter against their rivals.

No railway had reached Chicago from the East when I found it in 1851 a city of 38,000 inhabitants, flat on its native prairie, for grade-raising had not begun. Street paving was unknown. The few principal streets were covered with oak plank. The mud of the unprotected street surface was bottomless. The first City Hall and County building had just been finished of blue limestone from Lockport, New York, it having been decided that the vicinity of Chicago gave no suitable building stone. The vast stores of the choicest of limestone underlying the immediate

region waited to be discovered a few seasons later. The old block house of garrison times was still standing, and the structures and palisades of Fort Dearborn were kept in an exasperating state of whitewash by the military relic commanding. In all parts of the city stood the humble and ancient frame structures of the early day. Chicago then and through later years had unwise thrift in saving these old frame buildings, to be moved and removed before the march of building improvements until the fateful night in Oct., 1871, found several hundred old structures as dry as tinder compactly massed on five or six squares in the heart of the city. The world knows what happened. Many a tall factory has been destroyed by its own waste heap. In 1851 the prairie fires used to lick their hungry way across the prairies and glare at the extending suburbs. The time came when it seemed as if these long checked prairie fires broke across our city like angry wolves, made mad by repression.

At times stray Indians from the far west, or some Pottawatomie still living on a near reservation, would stroll through our streets and exchange salutations with older residents who remembered the Indian payments at Chicago, the mad revels and showers of silver dollars that characterized these occasions.—There was only one railroad entering the city, the old Galena, the parent stem of the Chicago and Northwestern, now a thousand miles of branches from the little stalk that lost itself in an hour's run on the on the prairie westward in 1851.

This was the Chicago of twenty-eight years ago; but you could put your ear to the prairie and hear the tread of coming thousands and the click of the railroad builder's hammer and the rattle of iron rails as they fell into the lines of the railroads approaching from all directions. While at that time most of the centres of trade and smaller cities and the communities intermediate were bonding themselves into poverty to gain railway benefits, Chicago at the head of the lake sat with her apron spread for voluntary and abounding tribute. Not one dollar has Chicago invested of municipal funds in any railroad scheme. In 1851 she was full of life and growth. She was full of New England men, and they poured through Chicago to new regions beyond to fill Iowa and Minnesota. This influx into Chicago and the West,

in the decade following 1851, continued what had already begun the strong preponderance of the New England element in the West. In Chicago we attempted for a while to hold vitality and meaning in a New England Society, and reverently observed the 22nd of December, but it came to resemble an attempt to call the roll of the sons of New England in this heart of the Commonwealth. There were too many of us, and of native Illinoisians too few. I remember that for some years we had one born native of a suitable age for late suppers, who injuriously to himself carried for a while sole and alone the annual duty of responding as a son of Illinois.

But the time came, friends, when this aggregation and consolidation of the New England spirit beyond the lakes had national importance. There was an hour in the great revolt when among the murmurs and threats of secession and partition of states, speakers and writers in the interest of the rebel scheme raised their voices against New England, and openly discussed leaving New England out in the cold. The New England life in the West laughed the suggestion to scorn. If the earliest campaigns of Western troops beyond the Alleganies were brilliant and vivid, it was because New England born men in the West followed the flag or led the way.

Journalism in Chicago in the decade following 1851 was not an easy task. It was applying measurements and estimates to continually expanding dimensions. Growth was continually laughing at augury, and fact moved so steadily ahead of forecast that the journalist one day charged with extravagance stood presently shame-faced at his inadequacy.

In 1851 Illinois and Chicago were intensely Democratic, with a strong and earnest Whig element in State and city affairs.— We had among us many Kentuckians, friends and admirers of Henry Clay. Our New Englanders revered Daniel Webster, and not a few remembered with enthusiasm his actual presence in Chicago. In the last of June, 1837, the prairie village witnessed an unusual stir which for a few hours roused the community out of its doleful dumps at the fresh collapse of all their affairs. Every citizen who could beg or borrow a steed, (said my informant, "hiring was out of the question in our ruined community,") went

in imposing cavalcade to the banks of the Desplaines river, eleven miles from Chicago, and out of the Southwest arose the vision of a barouche drawn by four cream-colored steeds bearing in imposing state, Daniel Webster, in the care and conduct of H. L. Kinney, a dashing Illinois and Michigan canal contractor of the period. Kinney was then constructing the canal basin at Peru, whence he brought to Chicago Mr. Webster, and with him his daughter, Mrs. Appleton, and his son Fletcher. The enthusiasm of the hour was immense. The scramble for places in the procession and for opportunities to see and hear was wild when the the march ended under the flag on Major Sibley's Garrison ground, where Mr. Webster made a set speech. The procession had passed, on South Water Street, the office of the Chicago *Democrat*. Its editor, John Wentworth, an extremely tall New Hampshire youth, a disciple of Isaac Hill, was not to be in the least moved to awe at the New Hampshire Whig, on his travels. It is historical that on the breezy parade ground the editor's high perched hat blew off and gave premature circulation, in manuscript, to Wentworth's terrific forthcoming editorial onslaught on the great Whig statesman. Twenty years after I saw one of these stray leaves picked up on that day and preserved by a Chicago Whig. But the Chicago *Weekly Democrat* did not suffer for the mutilated editorial, for Wentworth had plenty more where that came from. Daniel Webster in the Chicago of that day was on the defensive. It was bitterly charged that he had taken a position unfriendly to settlers on unsurveyed public land. As that was precisely the position of not a few of any average prairie audience of that period there was occasion for what Mr. Webster gave them, a stormy harangue on the rights and immunities of pioneer settlers. The remainder of the speech was good sound Whig doctrine of the period, with special stress on River and Harbor improvements, the inchoate and ragged bayou mouth at the speaker's feet happily illustrating the argument.

Mr. Webster's reception in the West was a magnificent ovation, the most striking that had ever been paid to a public man in the West. He was delighted with the prairies, and falling in with the current of the time, bought a large tract of land near the State Capitol, laid out the new town of Salisbury after his New

Hampshire birth-place, and Salisbury is still a post town of Sangamon county. Mr. Webster's visit to the West bore fruit the following winter in his advocacy of the measure which he supported against Mr. Clay and his own colleague, Mr. Davis, giving privilege of preemption to all actual settlers found on public land at the time of the survey. The splendid reception of the great statesman at Louisville, St. Louis and throughout Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky, may also have borne fruit in hopes that withered to ashes in his grasp, and darkened his last days.

In 1851 Stephen A. Douglas was our Senator in Congress.— His small sturdy figure carried his grand head scarcely as high as Wentworth's shoulders, but in the estimate of Douglas none might bring statue into the account. Who ever thought a lion too short of limb? Douglas was often in Chicago. His arrival at the Tremont House was always a rare sight to witness. He seemed to move about in a light reflected from the faces of his admirers. It was a wonderful thing to be near him on some occasion of popular gathering where I have seen great sun-burned fellows stand and watch the Little Giant with shining eyes and an unconscious nervous play of the fingers as if they were working off their good will by a perpetual hand shaking with their hero. He made friends magnetically and held them powerfully. He remembered faces, places and dates, and would readily and accurately keep for each new acquaintance his own associations. Thus to be remembered by him was to hold his partizans to him with hooks of steel. It flatters all men to be thus carried in a great man's mind.

With Douglas will always be associated Abraham Lincoln.— They were distinguished at the same bar, and in early State councils. They were continually antagonized on Whig and Democratic doctrines. When these differences grew through new issues into the Slavery contest, by the opportunities of a local canvass, they became champions, whose tournaments on the prairies the whole nation looked upon, and brought thence watchwords to be used throughout the struggle of that era.

Comparing Douglas to Lincoln is only fairly to be done by limiting the contrast to their days of direct and open rivalry. I had always marvelled at the strength and power of Stephen A.

Douglas, and his influence among the masses. Much as he accomplished, his career continually suggested greater possibilities unreached. He was a born leader of men. His following was natural and spontaneous. He rose above reverses buoyantly, and lost friends and money magnificently, as if sure of recovering them. He might have had a better following to far higher accomplishments, but no American to-day at forty-eight years of age stands so strong a centre of influence as Douglas, and at forty-eight he died.

I well remember the occasion on which I first heard Abraham Lincoln speak. He was among his Springfield townsmen, and was called to address a gathering in the Hall of Representatives, on the evening of a political convention among the first heats of "Bleeding Kansas." The surprising character and quality of the speech of this quaint dark man with the wonderfully pliant voice incensed me greatly in its first half hour. It was a careful and masterly presentment of the odious other side. It was irritating on a warm night, made hotter by the surroundings and topics of the day, to hear a statement of Squatter Sovereignty calm and passionless as an ice-house. But when Lincoln had put together their argument as few of the defenders of Border Ruffianism could have done, he tore it down and scattered it like chaff. This was Mr. Lincoln's way, and a way vastly troublesome it was to opposing counsel, when he got the first statement of their cases before a jury. Later I often heard Mr. Lincoln in the canvass and in the court room. His legal specialty was patent law. He would make the most abstruse and intricate plea interesting to all who loved to watch his ingenuity and skill. It is too common among those who discuss Abraham Lincoln's career, to bring together too closely the great contrasts of his life, as if our Americanism was flattered by carrying the raw rail splitter and illiterate flat-boatman straight into the White House. Between these extremes of Mr. Lincoln's life lay the long years of patient and shining progress upward in the career of the successful lawyer of widely recognized abilities, a public man and debater on public questions, already national in splendid reputation, that would have left him high among the marked men of his own time had he not been nominated at Chicago. It is not a sound or

wise teaching for American youth that the soil and grime of humble labor can be freshly carried into places of highest responsibility. Diamonds and potatoes come alike from the soil, but the value of the stone lies in its capacity for being cut and polished.

When Abraham Lincoln went to Washington he was fit to stand before princes. Like Douglas he had a warm personal following but it was of a different character. It borrowed little from purely social practices, and nothing from vices. He was always a careful and thrifty man. He drank with no one and shared no one's tobacco pouch. If men got drunk with toasts to "Old Abe," no one thought of treating or being treated in his name. Yet he had no asceticism. He was broadly humane, always sweetly, almost womanly, kind and gracious in his gravest cares; even in the later tremendous responsibilities of his great office, always easy of approach, prompt in recognizing old friends and olden ties. It seems almost trite to refer to his story-telling proclivities, but these made in him a conspicuous trait. He always had a story ready. He rarely told a story the listener had heard before. The stories were used for a point or a foil. Many an office hunter or well intentioned bore, big with the fancied importance of his errand, read his fate or got his response in one of these small parables. I was once present when a party of gentlemen, some of them old friends of the President, came to press a little importunately a measure that did not have his full sanction. In the midst of the discussion he turned suddenly to one of the visitors and said, "Peter, if you call a sheep's tail a leg how many legs will a sheep have?" "Five, of course," said the other. "Well Peter that might be true, but unfortunately calling a sheep's tail a leg does not make it a leg." Every man present read in that flash of humor the fate of their errand.

Before his nomination I had often the opportunity of meeting Mr. Lincoln at Springfield among his friends, and at Chicago where his keen interest in important current events brought him frequently to our editorial rooms. He was a loving and domestic man in his household. No picture of him would be entirely characteristic that left out his little son "Tad." When a mere sprawling troublesome urchin, just out of short clothes, Tad often accompanied his father on protracted trips and in absences

from home, in all parts of Illinois. I once asked the elder brother the meaning of this singular prefix, Tad. He answered, "His name is Thomas, but he was not named at all for two years and father used to call him Tadpole, and Tad has stuck to him."

A most wonderful and effective portion of Mr. Lincoln's public career has been already referred to, the series of masterly debates with Douglas in 1858, in the contest for the U. S. Senatorship. These called out Mr. Lincoln's best powers. In a collected volume they stand to-day as the best epitome and statement of the last recourse of Slavery before the appeal to arms. Mr. Lincoln was nominated at Chicago, in an immense structure, the Chicago Wigwam, capable of seating twelve thousand people. It was built in three weeks, a blossom of Chicago enthusiasm, and no part of of a policy, yet it played a powerful part in the nomination. Mr. Seward's friends did not hesitate to declare that the size of the gathering defeated all the manipulation and management so potent on convention occasions. For the whole period following his nomination until his departure for Washington, Mr. Lincoln's plain frame dwelling in Springfield was the Mecca of a host of pilgrims, and for weeks he freely received all comers, sometimes literally, by answering his own door-bell. Then his friends fearing the ill effects of over fatigue, pressed upon him the attendance of a competent body servant, at first a most embarrassing possession to the good President elect, who never learned to gracefully leave to others what he could do for himself. He made light demands on servants and orderlies at the White House or the Departments. But the visitor who through these surroundings of simplicity and open good nature, pressed far enough, was sure to find qualities of heart and head that would put sunlight through him and his errand. The wisest went away strengthened: the silly or scheming visitor retreated rebuked or smashed. On the Presidential journey from Springfield to Washington I had frequent occasions to admire Mr. Lincoln's readiness for all occasions. His little farewell address to his townsmen from the car platform on a dripping February morning, in 1861, was really the last leave-taking, for he never again looked upon his Illinois home. And when we saw the cortege that, in 1865, brought Lincoln back, it was impossible not to recall the shadow

as of the wing of coming Fate, that when they were uttered gave sadness, almost gloom, to those parting words in 1861. The same suggestions of the perils of the hour closed the Presidential journey, where he left our party at Harrisburg, for the flying night trip to Washington. Between this beginning and this close the journey of the President was full of proofs of Mr. Lincoln's breadth, readiness and fitness for his great office. He met all occasions and calls with quickness and power, with sharp condensed phrases and rare subtlety, as when he crossed foils with Mayor Wood in the New York municipal reception; and with a light play of words and pleasantry where such served with his admirers.

At a little station in Ohio, near Cincinnati, as the train halted he began to tell a story from the rear platform to an earnest village squad. The sharp start of the train cut the story in two. Two hours after we reached the Burnet House, a wagon party direct from the water-tank audience, came in great haste to Mr. Lincoln's room and told him they had ridden down sixteen miles to carry back the end of that story. He sent them away delighted. Mr. Lincoln's sudden departure from Harrisburg was a thorough surprise and fell most startlingly upon all but three or four of the Presidential party. It was believed to be no occasion for confidences, and the step was known to only the precise number needed to carry it into effect. All the rest slept quietly after the day's fatigue, and among them none more soundly than the New York Times reporter, who being awakened to the fact and to breakfast, hastened to put into type and into an undeserved place in history, the full details of the departure, adding to his picture the "Scotch cap and military cloak" as the disguise worn at this reporter's own suggestion. The inventor of the bogus Scotch cap and military cloak lived to write the forged Proclamation. The President's night journey was brought about by a baseless scare gotten up by private detectives, for reasons the fraternity never lack. But it had an effect of national value in startling the people and preparing them for the impending call on their devotion. Certainly many who in 1861 laboriously demonstrated that the type of our civilization bore or admitted no such recourse as the murder of a ruler, lived to find their theory defeated in the tragedy of 1865.

In my preface to these rambling notes I had something to say of the West as I found it. A few words as to the West of to-day. The census of 1870 showed an increase of from ten to twelve millions of people in the West beyond Ohio. Chicago has become a city of half a million people. Thriving cities stand in the place of shabby villages, and we to day locate our fading Indian frontier in distances from the populous shore-belts of both oceans. The great striking fact of this growth and what gives promise to this growth is its homogeneity. On no other part of earth's surface and in no other time of the earth's history have the channels of trade and human intercourse sent their shuttles across as many degrees of the earth's surface through a web of humanity so even in its texture. The time may have been when by the exaggeration of some local characteristic a distinctiveness might seem to be established for representatives of our different sections. Take the group of representatives of all sections easy to be found in our larger marts of trade, and if you can distinguish the business man of Oregon or California or the cities of the great interior from his guild brothers east of the Alleghanies, the distinctions are more fanciful than real, and probably mark only a clinging trace of the old idea in your own mind. The railroad has equalized localities; the press the facile communications of our time have made us one people. Even so prosaic a fact as the wholesale clothing trade has broken down all distinctions of attire. Your chance friend in the car or hotel may be a salmon packer on the Columbia river, a Bangor lumber dealer, or a business man from Bennington or Santa Fe, and from neither of these brings any local trait. It was something more and better than the assumption of human prerogative when the early charters cut our American wilderness into strips extending from sea to sea.

It was Destiny that moved our fathers to great schemes and measures for the development of the continent as one country. I found the West in 1851 on the shores of Lake Michigan, and called myself a western man. The farmer on the banks of the Nebraska, is to-day less of a western man than was the settler in the Genessee valley forty years ago.

The reading of this paper was listened to with unusual interest, it being well known that the writer was entirely familiar with his subject, and that his long experience as a journalist in the West had given him special facilities for observing and noting the manners and customs incident to pioneer life.

After the reading of the paper by Mr. Smith, Rev. George Allen spoke briefly complimenting the intelligent consideration of the influences which have developed the West, and alluded to some earlier pioneers, Cook and Kane, the latter a classmate of the speaker, at Yale in 1813; also to Governeur Morris who planned the Erie Canal, the medium which brought the West into communication with the East. Several members also spoke upon the same general subject, and the meeting was one of peculiar interest. On motion of Mr. Staples the thanks of the Society were extended to Mr. Smith for his valuable paper.

The Annual meeting of the Society was held Dec. 2d, 1879, the President in the chair. The roll was called by the Secretary, by which it appeared there were twenty-seven members present. There were also present by invitation, Rev. George Allen and Mr. Joseph Lovell. The minutes of the meeting of Nov. 11th were read and approved. The Standing Committee on Nominations made a report, nominating Charles C. Baldwin, James L. Estey and Thomas A. Dickinson of Worcester, and Mr. John Cort of Webster, all of whom were duly elected by ballot.

The following letters were read by the Secretary:

Hingham, Oct. 27, 1879

Daniel Seagrave Esq. Secretary of the

Worcester Society of Antiquity.

Dear sir:—Your kind note informing me of my election as a Corresponding member of your Society, I have just received, it having come here during my absence from home. I cheerfully accept the honor you have done me by said election, and shall esteem it a privilege to be associated with the members of your Society in pursuits kindred to those in which I have an ever present and deep interest.

I hope I may be able, with you, to gather from the past such facts and memorials as shall illustrate the history of growth and progress of our common country, so full of lessons of instruction, which if properly understood and heeded, will give us large aid in the solution of many of the questions now constantly arising to perplex and agitate us.

I remember the very pleasant evening I spent at your Society's meeting in June last, and trust that I may again have the pleasure of meeting with you.

I am yours with respect,

QUINCY BICKNELL.

Morrisania, New York City,

November 21, 1879.

Dear sir:—Your favor of the 18th inst., informing me that, at a recent meeting of "The Worcester Society of Antiquity," I was elected to a Corresponding Membership therein, was received this morning; and I beg you to convey to that body my earnest thanks for the honor which, thereby, it has conferred on me, and my acceptance of the proffered membership.

I am, now, pretty well advanced on my journey to the grave, and seldom go beyond my own premises: you must not expect to see me, therefore, at the Society's meetings or among its busy workmen. Nevertheless I shall always be happy to hear of its continued welfare and to serve it, in my particular department of labor, whenever I may do so.

I also beg your acceptance, individually, of my sincere thanks for the kindness with which you have communicated the Society's action.

Very truly, yours,

HENRY B. DAWSON.

CLEVELAND, O, 22, NOV. 1879.

Daniel Seagrave Esq., Secretary,

Worcester, Mass.

Dear sir:—I am much gratified at the mark of respect bestowed upon me by "The Worcester Society of Antiquity," and accept a membership in your Society with much pleasure. I shall be happy to do what I can to forward the objects of the Society, pursuits which interest its members being my aim outside of a somewhat laborious profession.

I have in times past stopped several times in your city for literary purposes, and may again. I shall be happy to show any of your members who visit my own city on their way west, the best collection of antiquities, aside from copper implements, west of the Alleghanies.

The Publications of your Society arrived just as we were having books bound and went at once to the bindery. I shall examine them more minutely with interest. I have no doubt that the elegant manner in which they are presented is due in a good degree to the nice taste of the Secretary of the Society.

I am,

with respect,

Yours,

C. C. BALDWIN.

DEERFIELD, [MASS.] NOV. 27, 1879.

Daniel Seagrave Esq., Sec.

Worcester Society of Antiquity.

Dear sir:—For the honor of being unanimously elected a corresponding member of your Society, please return to it my hearty thanks. If unable to meet with you, I hope at least to send occasionally some historic items which shall have value to a Society like yours.

Allow me to congratulate you on the remarkable success of your body during the short period of its existence, as shown by its published Proceedings. The labors, shown by the Reports of your committees, have brought forth fruits which will have untold value in the ages to come, and be the best monuments to the memory of those earnest men.

Yours very truly,

GEO. SHELDON.

The Librarian read his Annual Report, stating that the contributions to the library during the past year had been numerous and valuable. The total number of bound volumes in the library was reported to be 1325; total number of pamphlets 4342. The report referred to a recent gift of a copy of Winthrop Sargent's Life of Major Andre. As a part of the report, a sketch of the life and character of the martyr Patriot of the Revolution, Nathan Hale, was given, in which was contrasted his life and motives with the life and motives of Major John Andre, the British Spy. The Report in full, together with the list of donations, will be found on subsequent pages.

On motion of Mr. Staples it was voted that the thanks of the Society be tendered the Librarian, Mr. Albert A. Lovell, for his instructive, interesting and elaborate report, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Publication.

The Society then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, as follows: President, Hon. Clark Jillson; 1st Vice President, Ellery B. Crane; 2d Vice President, Albert Curtis; Secretary, Daniel Seagrave; Treasurer, James A. Smith; Librarian, Albert A. Lovell; Standing Committee on Nominations for three years, Charles R. Johnson.

Remarks were made by Henry H. Chamberlin, relating to the commercial history of Worcester during the past fifty years. On motion of Mr. Crane it was voted that Mr. Chamberlin be invited to read a paper upon the subject aforementioned at some future meeting. Burton W. Potter Esq., of Worcester, and J. W. Brigham M. D., of Sutton, favored the Society with brief remarks. On motion it was voted to adjourn for two weeks.

The adjourned Annual meeting was held Tuesday evening, Dec. 16th, and twenty-six members were present; also, Rev. Geo. Allen and Mr. Freeman Brown by invitation. The Treasurer, Mr. James A. Smith, read his report of receipts and disbursements during the past year. Reports from the Departments of Archæology and General History, by Chas. R. Johnson, Chairman, and Ancient Manuscripts, Publications and Engravings, by Hon. Clark Jillson,

Chairman, were presented and read. Mr. Stephen Salisbury Jr. presented to the Society, through a member, the "History of Worcester County," in two volumes, large 8vo., just published; also, a volume entitled "The North Americans of Antiquity." On motion of Mr. Paine, a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Salisbury for this renewed expression of his interest in the welfare of the Society.

Sundry other contributions of books, and pamphlets were received from various sources, among which were two volumes of Holmes' "American Annals," an early and quite rare edition, from Wm. S. Barton, Esq. Mr. S. E. Staples then read his very interesting paper upon "The Ancient Psalmody and Hymnology of New England." The paper indicated that the author had given much time, study and research in its preparation; and its reading was listened to with undivided attention and interest. Complimentary remarks were made by Rev. George Allen, and Messrs. Barton, Lamb, Johnson, and others. Mr. Barton read an article on Hymns, prepared by him in 1853, which was published in Dwight's Journal of Music at the time.

Mr. Shumway, for the Committee on Biographies, reported progress. The Committee have as yet received but few biographies of members, and desire further time to complete their work. On motion of Mr. Lovell, a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Staples for his interesting paper read this evening; and it was also voted to request Mr. Staples to furnish a

copy of the same for publication in the Proceedings of the Society. On motion it was voted to adjourn for one week.

The second adjourned Annual meeting was held Tuesday evening, Dec. 23d, 1879, at which seven members were present. Mr. Daniel Seagrave, the Secretary, being absent on account of illness, Mr. Albert A. Lovell was chosen Secretary *pro tem.*— It having been announced in the daily papers that, on account of other engagements, Mr. E. B. Crane from whom, as Chairman of the Committee on Local History and Genealogy, a report was expected, would be absent, the attendance was small, and but little business transacted. On motion of Franklin P. Rice the annual assessment of members for 1880, was fixed at three dollars for each active member. On motion of Mr. Staples it was voted that the Committee on Local History and Genealogy, and the Committee on Coins, Relics and Curiosities, be allowed to report in print. On motion of Mr. Staples it was voted that the Librarian be requested to open the rooms Tuesday evenings during the year. On motion, voted to adjourn.

THE ANCIENT

PSALMODY AND HYMNOLOGY

OF

NEW ENGLAND.

BY SAMUEL E. STAPLES.

The New England character is a distinct type of moral and religious growth. It is traceable to the early training and education of those, who, for conscience and for freedom's sake came to this new and inhospitable clime, and here established institutions and inculcated principles which have made our people intelligent and moral, and our country free. The Bible, the Psalm Book and a few other works, constituted mainly the literature of our New England fathers. The Bible was their guide in everything pertaining to morals, religion, and civil government. Upon this Word they rested,—from it they drew the inspiration which controlled their lives: it governed them in all things, sustained them in all trials and privations of which they suffered many, and directed them in their earthly course up to the heavenly; never denying their faith, they were ever solicitous for the well-being of all around them, and always seeking the glory of that Being whom they in humility and sincerity worshiped. Such a people were a devout people, chosen of God, built up for a great work, the planting of a tree whose branches to-day spread abroad into all lands, casting their fruit upon all shores. One of our own poets* has so admirably described the

* William H. Burleigh.

character of our forefathers in the following lines, that I make no apology for introducing them here.

"Bold men were they, and true, that pilgrim band,
Who plough'd with venturous prow the stormy sea,
Seeking a home for hunted Liberty
Amid the ancient forests of a land
Wild, gloomy, vast, magnificently grand!
Friends, country, hallow'd homes they left, to be
Pilgrims for CHRIST'S sake, to a foreign strand—
Beset by peril, worn with toil, yet FREE!
Tireless in zeal, devotion, labor, hope;
Constant in faith; in justice how severe!
Though fools deride and bigot-skepties sneer,
Praise to their names! If called like them to cope,
In evil times, with dark and evil powers,
O, be their faith, their zeal, their courage ours!"

If such was the character of the people of those early days of New England, what were their songs in which they took delight, and by which in sacred service they gave forth their praise to God?

"The winds and waves were roaring: the Pilgrims met for prayer;
And here, their God adoring, they stood in open air.
When breaking day they greeted, and when its close was calm,
The leafless woods repeated the music of their psalm."

The Scottish statesman, Andrew Fletcher,* of Saltoun, wrote as follows: "I knew a very wise man who believed that if a man were permitted to make the ballads, he need not care who should make the laws of a nation." In a higher sense, if such was believed to be the effect of the ballads that should be sung by a people in forming their character as citizens, what would be the influence of the psalms that should be sung in moulding the moral and religious sentiment of those who in sincerity seek for light and truth, and divine control in all their ways? And here let me say, for fear of being misunderstood, that the Ministers of New England, of the first generation, were most of them learned

* A Scottish Statesman and Author, born in Saltoun, East Lothian, in 1653; died in London, in 1716. He was educated under the care of Gilbert Burnet.

men, educated at the Universities in England, but though well educated their libraries were small. The Rev. Samuel Newman of Rehoboth, one of that number, was the author of the first concordance of the Old and New Testament ever made in the English tongue. He had what was regarded a large library for that time though his English books were appraised at only £4, and his classical, at £18. Intelligent laymen were no better supplied with books than the reverend clergy. It may be well to state in this connection, that the library of Miles Standish comprised probably not more than fifty volumes, the whole being appraised Dec. 2, 1656, sixty days after his death, at £11, 9s. Among his books were The History of the World, The History of Queen Elizabeth, The State of Europe, 3 Bibles, 1 Testament, 1 Psalm Book, Ball on Faith, and Dod on the Lord's Supper.

I now propose to give some facts relating to the Ancient Psalmody and Hymnology of New England, and read for our improvement and entertainment, a few selections from the Psalms and Hymns which were used by our devout and reverend forefathers. My attention has been directed to this subject by the sale in New York, some months since, of a copy of the "Bay Psalm Book," as it has been commonly called, at a price much beyond the ability of most collectors to purchase, this copy having been obtained by Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt of that city, for the sum of $1200. In writing upon this topic I desire also, to sketch briefly the history of some of the devotional lyrics of the church, from the earliest period of which there is any well authenticated account, and read a few selections therefrom.

Until the time of the reformation under Luther, the Psalms of the Bible were mainly used as the devotional lyrics of the people of God, some of which antedated by more than five hundred years the classic poems of Homer. Among the earliest of these, and possibly the very first, is the ninetieth, beginning, "Lord thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations," written by Moses, the leader of God's people, in recognition of their deliverance from the hands of their oppressors after they crossed the Red sea. These Psalms continued to be used age after age with few attempts only at a metrical version, so far as I can learn, until Luther broke away from the ancient usages and introduced

a new order of things. Metrical hymns were indeed used very early in the Christian Church, but there was no versification or paraphrase of the Psalms excepting a Greek translation by Apollinaris, stated by one authority, to have been made about the year 470, which was the first metrical version of the Psalms. I find a notice of three persons of the name of Apollinaris. The first, Claudius Apollinaris, bishop of Hierapolis, A. D. 170, wrote an "Apology for the Christian faith," and some other works, all of which are lost. 2. Apollinaris, father and son, the former presbyter, the latter bishop of Laodicea. The father was born at Alexandria. When Julian (A. D. 362) issued an edict forbidding Christians to teach the classics, Apollinaris and his son undertook to supply the loss by transforming the Scriptures into a body of poetry, rhetoric, and philosophy. According to one authority, the Old Testament history, up to the reign of Saul, who was anointed king about the year A. M. 2909, formed a kind of heroic poem, divided into twenty-four books, which were named after the letters of the Greek alphabet. The New Testament was put into the form of dialogues. Only two works remain which appear to have formed a part of these sacred classics, namely: a tragedy entitled "Christ Suffering," and a poetic version of the Psalms, entitled "Metaphrasis Psalmorum." The latter, written probably by the son, was published at Paris in 1552, 1580 and 1613; and by Sylburg at Heidelberg, 1596. Apollinaris the younger held some peculiar views concerning the nature of Christ, for which he was excommunicated. He was the founder of a sect called Apollinarists, which continued till the middle of the fifth century, and it is quite probable that his translation of the Psalms was used by his followers in their acts of public as well as private devotion. The time of his death is not recorded with accuracy, though he is said to have died between the years A. D. 382 and 392. It will be observed that there is a great discrepancy in dates regarding the time in which his translation of the Psalms must have been made, but I am inclined to think the latter period the most reliable. I have been particular in stating these facts gathered from history, because of the importance and prominence which attaches to the name of Apollinaris, as the first translator of the book of Psalms into metrical verse.

The followers of John Huss and Jerome of Prague, who died in 1415 and 1416, had among them a lyrical version of the Psalms. Huss is known to have versified the 128th psalm. The Bohemian Brethren had a Psalm and Hymn Book, with musical notes, in 1538.

Concerning some of the ancient hymns and their writers I desire now to call attention, and will first mention Clement, of Alexandria, one of the Christian fathers, as the earliest Christian hymn writer whose name has come down to the present time.— The following stanza is a portion of a hymn on the nativity of Christ, which is attributed to this author.

"Mouth of babes who cannot speak, wing of nestlings who cannot fly,
Sure guide of babes, shepherd of royal sheep, gather thine own
Artless children to praise in holiness, to sing in guilelessness
With blameless lips, thee, O Christ, guide of children."

Says a writer upon the subject of hymnology, "There is scarcely anything that retains a more permanent influence over human thought and feeling in the present life than the hymns and songs which the soul drinks in during childhood."

Another, in the order of time which claims our notice, and cannot with propriety be omitted, is the Te Deum, one of the most ancient hymns of the church and perhaps the very first literary production to take the form of a hymn with its connected thought and representation of the great mystery of the Holy Trinity. It embraces the belief and the aspirations of the followers of Christ through all the ages past, and to-day, as truly as ever expresses the sentiments of the true and trusting believer in Him, the Son of Mary, the Son of God. The origin of this hymn is not known with certainty, but there are a number of traditions concerning it. One is, that it gushed forth in sudden inspiration from the lips of Ambrose as he baptized Augustine; another, that St. Ambrose and St. Augustine, touched at the same moment by the same sacred fire, sang it together responsively. There is still another more reasonable view concerning its origin, that it sprung from the earlier Oriental morning hymns, or fragments of many such hymns flowing on from age to age, and in which, says another, we seem to hear the persecuted christians of Pliny's day meeting before dawn to sing their praise to Christ as God.

But whatever may have been its origin, whether the production of a single mind or the accumulated thoughts of many minds moving in harmony, cannot at this day be determined. It has been well and truly said, "It is a creed taking wing and soaring heavenward: it is faith seized with a sudden joy as she counts her treasures, and laying them at the feet of Jesus in a song: it is the incense of prayer rising so near the rainbow around the throne as to catch its light and become radiant as well as fragrant, a cloud of incense illumined into a cloud of glory." Listen for a moment to a few of its sublime utterances and take in its spirit of reverent devotion.

"We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord; all the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting. To thee all angels cry aloud; the heavens and all the powers therein. To thee, cherubim and seraphim, continually do cry, holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory."

There are but few specimens extant of the hymn writers of the earliest christian centuries, and of these I cannot now weary your patience by making further mention. Among the writers of a later period, whose deep utterances are the outburst of a true and trusting soul, touched by poetic fire, may be mentioned Bernard De Morals, monk of Cluni, who lived during the first half of the twelfth century. The birth-place of Bernard is not certainly known, though by some it is claimed that he was born in England, and he is classed with her illustrious writers. After seven centuries of comparative forgetfulness a portion of his writings have been revived which will ever live to bless and comfort the believer's heart. The greatest of his poems is said to be the *De Contempta Mundi*, which was written about the year 1145, and contains three thousand lines. The following is a translation by Trench, of the first six lines of this remarkable poem, the whole of which was claimed by this old monk to have been inspired by the spirit of God.

"Hours of the latest! times of the basest! our vigil before us!
Judgment eternal of Being supernal now hanging o'er us!
Evil to terminate, equity vindicate, cometh the Kingly;
Righteousness seeing, anxious hearts freeing, crowning each singly,
Bearing life's weariness, tasting life's bitterness, life as it must be,
The righteous retaining, sinners arraigning, judging all justly."

Dr. John Mason Neale* says of this poem, "that it opens with a description of the peace and glory of heaven, of such rare beauty as not easily to be matched by any mediæval composition on the same subject." Another writer says, "it glows with a description of the Heavenly Land more beautiful than ever before was wrought in verse. He further adds: "This scholar of Cambridge, and this monk of Cluni, have given to the religious world the sweetest and dearest poem that our language contains." The author of a work on "The Seven Great Hymns of the Mediæval Church" remarks, "I have no hesitation in saying, that I look on these verses of Bernard as the most lovely, in the same way that the *Dies Iræ* is the most sublime, and the *Stabat Mater* the most pathetic of mediæval hymns. The following is selected from Dr. Neale's translation of this poetic author into simple English verse and is entitled, "*The Celestial Country.*"

No more beautiful lines have been written than the following stanzas, which clearly express the desires of the confiding believer in Him, whose words are comfort to the weary soul in all seasons of devout emotion, and in hours of sorrow and pain.

"Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation sink heart and voice oppressed.
I know not, O I know not, what social joys are there!
What radiancy of Glory, what light beyond compare!
And when I fain would sing them, my spirit fails and faints;
And vainly would it image the assembly of the Saints.

O mine, my golden Syon! O lovelier far than gold,
With laurel-girt battalions and safe victorious fold!
O sweet and blessed country, shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessed country, shall I ever win thy grace?
I have the hope within me to comfort and to bless!
Shall I ever win the prize itself? O tell me, tell me, Yes.

Exult, O dust and ashes! the Lord shall be thy part;
His only, His forever, thou shalt be, and thou art!
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His only, His forever, thou shalt be, and thou art!"

* Dr. John Mason Neale, Warden of Sackville College, Sussex, England, was the most successful translator of mediæval hymns, and one of the most varied and voluminous writers of his time. His death occurred in august, 1866.

The first six lines of this religious poem as translated by Dr. Neale are here introduced by way of comparison with Trench's translation, and are as follows:

> The world is very evil, the times are waxing late;
> Be sober and keep vigil, the Judge is at the gate—
> The Judge that comes in mercy, the Judge that comes with might,
> To terminate the evil, to diadem the right.
> When the just and gentle Monarch shall summon from the tomb,
> Let man, the guilty, tremble, for Man the God, shall doom!"

I cannot with a just appreciation of the importance of the subject under consideration, fail to recognize the *Dies Iræ*, as one of the best of the mediæval hymns, acknowledged by critics to be the most sublime of its class, and one which has been variously rendered by different translators. That which has received a large share of praise, was made by Major General John A. Dix, U. S. V., at Fortress Monroe, during the second year of the Rebellion. This is regarded by many competent persons as the most literal and just translation that has been made. It contains the fewest errors, and is in stanzas of the same triplicate construction as the original, and is in the same difficult double rhyme. I insert a portion only of this old Judgment hymn.

> "Day of vengeance, without morrow!
> Earth shall end in flame and sorrow,
> As from Saint and Seer we borrow.
>
> Ah! what terror is impending,
> When the Judge is seen descending,
> And each secret veil is rending.
>
> To the throne, the trumpet sounding,
> Through the sepulchres resounding,
> Summon all, with voice astounding.
>
> Death and Nature, mazed, are quaking,
> When, the grave's long slumber breaking,
> Man to Judgment is awaking.
>
> What shall I then say, unfriended,
> By no advocate attended,
> When the just are scarce defended?"

The more familiar rendering of the substance of this hymn by Sir Walter Scott, is as follows:—

The day of wrath! that dreadful day, when heaven and earth shall pass away!
What power shall be the sinner's stay? how shall he meet that dreadful day—

When, shrivelling like a parched scroll, the flaming heavens together roll;
And, louder yet, and yet more dread, swells the high trump that wakes the dead?

Oh! on that day, that wrathful day, when man to judgment wakes from clay,
Be thou, O Christ! the sinner's stay, though heaven and earth shall pass away.

I cannot forbear inserting the following beautiful translation of one of the hymns of the sainted Thomas á Kempis, the reputed author of the treatise "Of the Imitation of Christ," or, as given in Dean Stanhope's translation of this work, "The Christian's Pattern." He was born at Kempis, or Kempen, a small walled town in the duchy of Cleves, in 1380, and died August 8, 1471 aged ninety-two years. The family name was Hamerlein, his father being called John and his mother Gertrude. "Of the Imitation of Christ," there were nearly forty editions in the original Latin, and more than sixty translations have been made from it into modern languages. The selection which follows, well illustrates the spirit of the author, and also, his fine poetic talent.

"High the angel choirs are raising heart and voice in harmony;
The Creator King still praising, whom in beauty there they see."

"Sweetest strains, from soft harps stealing, trumpet notes of triumph pealing;
Radiant wings and white robes gleaming, up the steps of glory streaming;
Where the heavenly bells are ringing, holy, holy, holy! singing,
To the mighty Trinity; holy, holy, holy! crying;
For all earthly care and sighing in that city cease to be!"

"Every voice is there harmonious, praising God in hymns symphonious;
Love each heart with light enfolding, as they stand in peace beholding,
There the Triune Deity."

"Oh, how beautiful that region, and how fair that heavenly legion,
Where thus men and angels blend; glorious will that city be,
Full of deep tranquility, light and peace from end to end?"

Passing by other ancient hymns of rare beauty both in form and sentiment, I proceed to speak more directly upon the theme announced as the subject of this paper. I desire however, to give a single illustration from Luther's versification of the forty-sixth psalm.

"A sure stronghold our God is he, a timely shield and weapon;
Our help He'll be, and set us free from every ill can happen.

And were the world with devils filled, all eager to devour us,
Our souls to fear shall little yield, they cannot overpower us."

One of the early attempts to render the psalms of the Bible in metre, was made by Clement Marot, of France, a poet of some note, who was born in Cahors, in 1495, and died in Turin, Sept., 1544. His work embraced about fifty of the psalms and proved exceedingly popular, so much so that psalm singing became a fashionable amusement at the Court of Francis I. Of these fifty psalms, twenty were written by Marot while living at Geneva, and the fifty were printed at Rome in 1542. After Marot's death Theodore Beza versified the rest of the psalms, and the whole one hundred and fifty were published at Strasburg in 1545. I will here mention some other versions of the psalms that have appeared, which I believe embraces all worthy of notice up to the period under consideration. About 1535 or 1540 Luther made lyrical versions of several of the psalms and a book of Psalms and Hymns for public worship was prepared for his followers. The Psalms appeared in Flemish verse in 1540, with music by Simon Cock. Hessus Helius Eobanus made a version of the whole book of Psalms in Latin verse, which was the first Latin metrical version. He was born at Bockendorff, Hesse, in 1488, and died in 1540. He at one time called himself a law student, but subsequently sold his law books and took to polite literature. After wandering in various places he finally settled at Marburg, the schools of which were supported by Philip, landgrave of Hesse. His principal works were metrical translations into Latin from the Greek poets. In 1549, Robert Crowley made a metrical version of the Psalms. About the same time Henry Howard and Sir Tho. Wyat versified some of the Psalms. George Buchanan made an elegant Latin version about 1550. About 1557, Archbishop Parker made a version which was printed about 1570. Peter Dathen, minister at Frankfort about 1560, translated Marot's and Beza's Psalms into Low Dutch metre. Bernard Woiewodka printed the Psalms in Polish metre, in 1565. The collection of Francis Rouse, 1645, is much of the same character as the "New England version," is used by the Presbyterian churches of Scotland, and to some extent, in this country. Stryc a

Bohemian, versified the Psalms in 1590. Sylburgius made a version in Greek verse, which was published with that of Apollinaris in 1596, by Commelinus. Louis Crucius, a Lisbon Jesuit published the Psalms in metre, in Latin, at Madrid, in 1600. In the sixteenth century J. B. Chassignet published in French verse a paraphrase of all the Psalms. Sir Philip Sidney, who fell in battle in 1586 at the age of thirty-two, made a version of forty-two Psalms. The others were versified by his sister Mary, which, after slumbering two centuries and a half, were published at the Chiswick Press, in 1823. King James I. versified a part of the Psalms. J. Bertaut, a bishop in Normandy, who died in 1611, published a version of many of the Psalms. About 1620 bishop Miles Smyth made a version of the Psalms; and about the same time another metrical version was made by Mr. Dod. In 1632, Geo. Wither published, in the Netherlands, a version, made by command of King James. Arthur Johnson, physician to Charles I. who died at Oxford in 1641, published a version of the Psalms in Latin verse in 1637. George Sandys published in 1638, a paraphrase upon the Divine Poems containing a version of all the Psalms. In 1718 Dr. Cotton Mather published the Book of Psalms in blank verse, fitted to the tunes in common use. It was designed to be an exact copy of the original "without the fetters of rhyme." As the "*Psalterium Americanum*," (as this version was called,) does not appear to have been used in any of the churches, I have made no other mention of the work than is here found. Richard Baxter left fitted for the press, by his own hand, a paraphrase of the Psalms of David, and other hymns, in 1692. There was another paraphrase made by John Patrick D. D. about the same time. In 1752 John Barnard, minister of Marblehead, at the age of seventy years, published a version of the Psalms, with tunes, but probably not used except by his own people. James Merrick, educated at Oxford, and who died at Reading, Mass., in 1769, at the age of fifty-one years, published a second edition of his Psalms in 1766. About the time of Marot's publication appeared the English version of Sternhold and Hopkins, with music original and selected, which, quaint and uncouth as it was, continued for many years to be that chiefly in use in England. This first edition of Sternhold

and Hopkin's version consisted of fifty-one psalms and was published in 1549. There were also other editions printed in 1553, 1578, and one at Cambridge, in 1693. Sternhold completed only thirty-seven, which were printed after his death, with seven by Hopkins, under the title of "*All such Psalms of David as Thomas Sternhold, late Grome of the King's Majesty's Robes, did in his lyfe-time drawe into English Metre.*" The version was completed by John Hopkins and others, and was published in 1562 as "*The whole Book of Psalms, collected into English Metre by T. Sternhold, J. Hopkins and others, conferred with the Ebrue, with apt Notes to sing them withal.*" It was annexed to the "Book of Common Prayer" and used in this connection till superceded by the "New Version" of Tate and Brady, and first published in 1696. Another edition has the following title page. "The whole Book of Psalms: collected into English Meeter, by Thomas Sternhold, John Hopkins, W. Wittingham, and others, conferred with the Hebrew. Set forth & allowed to be sung in all Churches, of all the people, before & after Morning and Evening Prayer; and also before and after Sermons, and moreover in private houses, for their godly solace and comfort: laying apart all ungodly songs and ballades, which tend onely to the nourishing of vice, and corrupting of youth. Printed, Anno 1644."

This edition which is a 12mo. of a little more than a hundred pages, contains beside the psalms, the Veni Creator, The humble suit of a Sinner, Venite Exultemus, Gloria Patri, The Song of Saint Ambrose, called Te Deum, The Song of the three Children, The Song of Zacharias, called Benedictus, The Song of blessed Mary, called Magnificat, The Song of Simeon, called Nunc Dimittis, The Symbole or Creed of Athanasius, called Quicunque vult, The Lamentation of a Sinner, The Pater Noster, or Lord's Prayer, The Ten Commandments Audi Israel, and The Complaint of a Sinner.

I have seen another edition also of this work printed in London in 1648, which contains the music to be sung, printed in Diamond notes, or as expressed in the title, "with apt notes to sing them withall."

Nahum Tate, poet and dramatist, son of the Rev. Dr. Faithful Tate, was born in Dublin in 1652, and educated at Trinity College, Dublin. He is best known by the metrical version of the

Psalms, which he executed in conjunction with Dr. Nicholas Brady, chaplain to King William and Queen Mary, which was attached to the Prayer book, and came into general use in the church of England, supplanting the older version made in the reign of Edward VI. by Sternhold and Hopkins. Dr. Brady was born at Bandon, Ireland, October 28th, 1659, and died at Richmond, near London, May 20th, 1726.

The Tate and Brady collection was used to some extent in the Congregational Churches of New England, having been introduced into the church of Rev. Nathan Appleton, D. D. at Cambridge, January, 1763. It was also in general use in the Episcopal Church of America, till within a recent period, being bound together with the Book of Common Prayer. Sternhold and Hopkin's version was used in Scotland down to the middle of the 17th century, and was also used in some of the American Churches till near the time of the Revolution. Thomas Sternhold was born in Hampshire, England, about the commencement of the 16th century, and died in 1549. He was noted for his poetical talents and extreme piety. The following versification of part of the 52d Psalm is taken from this collection and was written by Hopkins.

"Why dost thou, Tyrant, boast thyself, thy wicked deeds to praise,
Dost thou not know there is a God, whose mercies last always?
Why doth thy mind yet still devise, such wicked wiles to warp?
Thy tongue untrue, in forging lies is like a razor sharp."

History records that when the unhappy Charles fled from Oxford, he threw himself upon the army of his countrymen, then encamped before Newark. Upon one occasion, the psalm just quoted having been sung during divine service, as soon as it was completed, the King rose and requested the soldiers to sing the following psalm (56th) by Sternhold, which they did in compassion for his distress.

"Have mercy, Lord, on me, I pray for men would me devour:
He fighteth with me day by day, and troubleth me each hour.

Mine enemies' daily enterprise, to swallow me outright;
To fight against me many rise O thou most high of might.

When they would make me most afraid, with boasts and brags of pride:
I trust in thee alone for ayde by thee I will abide.

God's promise I do mind and praise, O, Lord I stick to thee:
I do not care at all afraies, what flesh can do to me."

In the complete edition of Sternhold and Hopkin's version of the Psalms, besides the 37 written by Sternhold, there were 58 by John Hopkins, a clergyman of Suffolk, 16 by W. Whittingham, dean of Durham, which are considered among the best, 27 by Thomas Norton, a barrister, 25 by W. Kethe, and one or two each by R. Wisdom and J. Pullain. The following stanza from the 74th Psalm is found in this collection:

"Why dost thou draw thy hand aback, and hide it in thy lap?
O, pluck it out, and be not slack to give thy foes a rap."

The stanzas below are retained in our modern books of psalmody, but always more or less altered from the original. No other portions of this collection, I believe, are used at the present day.

"The Lord descended from above, and bowed the heavens high;
And underneath his feet he cast the darkness of the sky.

On cherubs and on cherubins full royally he rode;
And on the wings of all the winds came flying all abroad."

The wicked wits of the reign of Charles I., termed the translations of the Psalms by Sternhold and Hopkins, Geneva Jigs. Sternhold produced also "Certayne Chapters of the Proverbs of Solomon, drawn into Metre," which were published after his death.

The collection of psalms used by our forefathers when they came to this country in 1620, was that of the Rev. Henry Ainsworth, published at Amsterdam, in 1612. Ainsworth was a nonconformist divine and Commentator, who flourished in England about the year 1600, and died about 1622. Authorities differ, however, concerning the time of his death. One writer says he is supposed to have died at Amsterdam about the year 1639. He was a man who was very fond of discussion, and it is related of him that he once had a violent dispute with another theologian, as to whether Aaron's ephod was blue or green. If any one desires to examine this matter I will refer them to the book of Exodus, Chapter 28th, first to fourteenth verse inclusive, where will be found a full description of the ornamental garments which were worn by the high priest. In Young's Chronicles of

the Pilgrims it is said of Ainsworth that he was a very learned man and a close student. He was regarded as an excellent Hebrew scholar, and his translation of the psalms a literal one.

The title of his version was, "The Book of Psalms: Englished both in Prose and Metre. With annotations opening the words and sentences, by Conference with other Scriptures. By Henry Ainsworth. Eph. 5. 18. 19. Bee yee filled with the Spirit speaking to yourselves in Psalms and Hymns and Spiritual Songs: Singing and making melodie in your hearts to the Lord."

The Ainsworth collection was almost universally used in the American Colonies until the New England Version, or, as it was more generally called, The Bay Psalm Book, was completed in 1640. A few churches continued its use for a much longer period, the church at Plymouth retaining it till the year 1692, and Salem till 1662. There is a copy of this version in the Prince collection, now in the Free Public Library, of Boston, and another in the collection of the American Antiquarian Society of this city. The latter, presented by Rev. Wm. Bentley, of Salem, August 9th, 1815, is a small quarto of 314 pages, in old vellum binding, and was printed in London about the year 1612. A memorandum on one of the leaves states that it was used in Salem for half a century from the first settlement. In the preface, declaring the reason and use of the Book, the writer says, "I have enterprised (Christian reader) this work, with regard of God's honor & comfort of his people; that his word might dwell in us richly, in all wisdom; and that we might teach and admonish ourselves, in psalms & hymns and songs spiritual. This I have labored to effect, by setting over into our tongue, the Psalms in metre as agreeable to the original Hebrew, as are other usual translations. For the better discerning hereof, I turned them also into prose, and set the versions one by another to be the more easily compared, and because the Psalmes have hard words and phrases: I have added notes to explain with brevities: which was to me as laborious as if I had made a larger commentarie." The psalms as "turned into prose" are printed in ordinary Roman type, the translation in meter, in Italics, and the Annotations to a considerable extent in Black Letter. The music to be sung is also printed in this edition and is in the style then common, of diamond notes. The following

versifications of portions of the first and the 137th psalms will serve as specimens of Ainsworth's work.

"O Blessed man, that doth not in the wickeds counsell walk;
Nor stand in sinners way; nor sit in seat of scornful-folk.
But sitteth in Jehovah's law his pleasureful delight
And in his law doth meditate, by day and eke by night.
And he shall be, like as a tree, by water brooks planted;
Which in his time, shall give his fruit his leaf eke shall not fade;
And whatsoever he shall doe, it prosp'rously shall thrive."

The following is the translation of the first three verses of the 137th psalm.

"By Babel's river there sate wee yea wept: when wee did mind, Sion.
The willowes that amidds it bee; our harps, wee hanged them upon.
For songs of us, there ask did they that had us captive led-along;
And mirth, they that us heaps did lay: sing unto us some Sions song."

Byron, than whom few have sung more sweetly, gives in a most tender manner the following paraphrase of this beautiful and pathetic psalm.

We sate down and wept by the waters of Babel, and thought of the day
When our foe, in the hue of his slaughter, made Salem's high places his prey;
And ye, oh her desolate daughters, were scattered all weeping away.

While sadly we gazed on the river which rolled on in freedom below,
They demanded the song; but, oh never that triumph the strang'r shall know!
May this right hand be wither'd forever, ere it string our high harp for the foe!

On the willow that harp is suspended, oh Salem! its sound should be free;
And the hour when thy glories were ended but left me that token of thee:
And ne'er shall its soft tones be blended with the voice of the spoiler by me!"

In 1636 there were about thirty ministers in the colonies. They were learned and pious men who sought the prosperity of this American Zion, and were desirous of doing all in their power to build up churches here that should fear and reverence God and whose usefulness in every way should be made manifest. They relied upon the Divine oracles for direction, and sought in all ways to be obedient unto their heavenly calling. The public worship of God was their delight and they endeavored to aid the people in all their acts of public devotion. For this purpose they resolved upon a new translation of the psalms to take the

place of Ainsworth's version then in use; and in 1639 a committee was appointed from their number, consisting of the Rev. Thomas Weld, the first minister of Roxbury, John Eliot,* the Indian apostle, also of Roxbury, who was associated with Mr. Weld, and the Rev. Richard Mather of Dorchester, to make this translation into English metre for the use of the New England churches. The work was completed in 1640, being the first book printed in North America, and, "as far as I can find," says Mr. Prince,† "in this whole new World." It is known as the New England Version, or the Bay Psalm Book. Hood in his history of music, speaking of this work says, "It was a Crown 8mo. of 300 pages, printed in clear, new type, which was probably imported for that particular work." In this first edition there were no "Spiritual Songs" or hymns, only the psalms in metre. The title page of the first edition reads as follows:—

"The Whole Book of Psalmes Faithfully Translated into English Metre. Whereunto is prefixed a discourse declaring not only the lawfullness, but also the necessity of the heavenly Ordinance of singing Scripture Psalmes in the Churches of God. Coll. III. Let the word of God dwell plenteously in you, in all wisdome, teaching and exhorting one another in Psalmes, Himnes, and Spirituall Songs, singing to the Lord with grace in your hearts. Iames V. If any be afflicted, let him pray, and if any be merry, let him sing psalmes. Imprinted 1640."

In the preface to the Bay Psalm Book the writers say, "The Psalmes are penned in such verses as are sutable to the poetry of the hebrew language, and not in the common style of such other bookes of the old Testament as are not poetical. * *

Neither let any think, that for the meetre sake wee have taken liberty or poeticall licence to depart from the true and proper

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* John Eliot was born in Nasing, England, in the year 1604, and died in Roxbury, Mass., May 20, 1690, aged eighty-six years.

† Rev. Thomas Prince, born at Sandwich, Mass., May 15, 1687, graduated at Harvard University 1707, ordained pastor of the Old South Church, Boston, Oct. 1, 1718, where he labored forty years, in connexion with his friend and associate, Rev. Joseph Sewell. Died October 22, 1758.

sence of Davids words in the hebrew verses, noe; but it hath beene one part of our religious care and faithfull indeavour, to keepe close to the original text. * * * Wee have therefore done our indeavour to make a plaine and familiar translation of the psalmes and words of David into english metre and have not soe much as presumed to paraphrase to give the sense of his meaning in other words. * * *

If therefore the verses are not alwayes so smooth and elegant as some may desire or expect; let them consider that Gods Altar needs not our pollishings: Ex. 20. for wee have respected rather a plaine translation, then to smooth our verses with the sweetnes of any paraphrase, and soe have attended Conscience rather then Elegance, fidelity rather then poetry, in translating the hebrew words into english language, and Davids poetry into english meetre; that soe wee may sing in Sion the Lords songs of prayse according to his owne will: untill hee take us from hence, and wipe away all our teares, & bid us enter into our masters joye to sing eternall Hallelujahs."

The following are selected from the first edition of this work, showing the style of the versifiers of that day. Psalm I., first and second stanzas :—

"O, Blessed man, that in th'advice of wicked doeth not walk:
nor stand in sinners way, nor sit in chayre of scornfull folk.
But in the law of Jehovah, is his longing delight:
and in his law doth meditate by day and eke by night."

A portion of the twenty-third Psalm is as follows :—

"The Lord to mee a shepherd is, want therefore shall not I.
Hee in the folds of tender grasse doth cause mee downe to lie:
To waters calme mee gently leads restore my soule doth hee:
he doth in paths of righteousnes: for his names sake leade mee."

Psalm 42 :—

"Like as the Hart panting doth bray after the water brooks,
even in such wise O God, my soule, after thee panting looks.

For God, even for the living God, my soule it thirsteth sore:
oh when shall I come & appeare, the face of God before."

Psalm 133 :—

"How good and sweet to see, i'ts for brethren to dwell together in unitee:
It's like choice oyle that fell the head upon that downe did flow

the beard unto, beard of Aaron:
The skirts of his garment that unto them went downe:
Like Hermons dews descent, Sions mountaines upon,
for there to bee the Lords blessing life aye lasting
commandeth hee."

Psalm 137:—

"The rivers on Babilon there when wee did sit downe: yea even then
wee mourned, when wee remembred Sion.
Our Harps wee did hang it amid, upon the willow tree.
Because there they that us away led in captivitee,
Requir'd of us a song, & thus askt mirth: us waste who laid,
sing us among a Sions song, unto us then they said.
The lords song sing can wee? being in strangers land. Then let loose
her skill my right hand, if I Jerusalem forget.
Let cleave my tongue my pallate on, if minde thee doe not I: if chiefe
joyes or'e I prize not more Jerusalem my joy.
O happie hee shall surely bee that taketh up, that eke
thy little ones against the stones doth into pieces breake."

A second edition was printed in 1647, when a few "spiritual songs" were added, but no other changes were made in this edition, except the correction of such typographical errors as had been discovered. I here introduce the following, founded upon the narrative as recorded in the fourth and fifth chapters of the book of Judges, as an illustration of the hymnology of the days of our fathers, this being a selection from the song of Deborah and Barak, which is found I think in all the editions of the Bay Psalm Book except the first.

"Jael the Kenite, Heber's wife 'bove women blest shall be
Above the women in the tent a blessed one is she.
He water ask'd, she gave him milk; in lordly dish she fetch'd
Him butter forth: unto the nail she forth her left hand stretch'd:

Her right hand to the workman's maul and Sisera hammered:
She pierc'd and struck his tempels through, and then cut off his head.
He at her feet bow'd, fell, lay down, he at her feet bow'd where
He fell: whereas he bowed down he fell destroyed there."

After the publication of the edition of 1647, the Rev. Henry Dunster,* president of Harvard College, and Mr. Richard Lyon,

* Rev Henry Dunster, born in England, inaugurated first president of Harvard College, Aug. 27, 1640, died Feb. 27, 1659. He was respected as a modest and pious man, and esteemed an excellent oriental scholar.

then at Cambridge, but who had obtained his education at one of the European Universities, were appointed a committee further to revise and improve the translation of the Psalms; they performed this duty and added a number of spiritual songs. This revised edition was published in 1650, and had the following title:—"The Psalms Hymns and Spiritual Songs of the Old and New Testament, faithfully translated into English Metre, For the use, Edification and Comfort of the Saints in publick and private, especially in New England. 2 Tim. 3, 16 and 17. Col. 3, 16. Eph. 5, 18, 19. James 5, 13."

The Worcester Society of Antiquity is fortunate in possessing a copy of the work as revised by Dunster and Lyon, recently presented by Mrs. M. L. Faulkner, of Billerica, through Dr. George Chandler of this city, an honorary member of the Society. The following note is pasted upon the inside of the cover.

"This little volume is one of the earliest of 26 or more editions of this work. It is from the library of the late Rev. Henry Cummings who settled in Billerica, Mass., 1761, as the successor of Rev. John Chandler in whose use it was."

On a fly leaf is the following memorandum of the Psalms sung on Thanksgiving Day, November, 1750.

"Ps. 122; 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5. Ps. 79; 9, 15. Ps. 106; 1-6.

This edition contains the music to be sung. There were numerous editions of this work printed at Boston, the 16th in 1715, 20th in 1722, 24th by James Franklin, brother of Dr. Benjamin Franklin, in 1737, and the 26th in 1741. In England there were printed at least eighteen editions and in Scotland twenty-two, the last having been printed in 1756. The 9th edition was printed at Cambridge in 1696.

For more than a hundred years after the work as revised and improved by Dunster and Lyon in 1650, there were no further alterations made till the collection was again revised by Rev. Thomas Prince, in the year 1758. Mr. Prince began this revision April 29, 1755, and completed the psalms the last of August, 1756, and the other Scripture Songs, by the 20th of March 1757. The preface to this edition is dated Boston in N. E. May 26, 1758. The work as revised by Mr. Prince passed through seventy editions, indicating a very extensive use in the American churches.

For the purpose of comparison with other translations, I here introduce the 137th Psalm as revised by Dunster and Lyon.

"By water floods of Babylon there have we sitten down:
Yea there we mourned, when as we did Sion think upon.
Our harps in midst of her we did hang willow trees among,
For there they us who captive led required of us a song:

Who laid us waste, askt mirth, sing us a Sion's song do ye.
How in a land of strangers sing Jehovah's song shall we?
O, thou Jerusalem, if I of thee forgetful be:
Then let my right hand quite forget her own dexterity.
If I thee mind not, let my tongue not from my palate move:
If I set not Jerusalem my chiefest joy above."

In "A Testimony To the order of the gospel, in the Churches of New-England," by Mr. Higginson* and Mr. Hubbard,† written about the year 1700, occurs the following sentence. "It is not yet forgot by some surviving ear-witnesses of it, that when the Synod, [in the year 1648,] had finished the Platform of Church Discipline, they did with an extraordinary elevation of soul and voice, then sing together, the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, in the fifteenth chapter of the revelation: God forbid, that in the loss of that holy Discipline, there should be hereafter occasion to sing about breaking down the carved work of the houses of God, with axes and hammers; or take up the eightieth psalm for our lamentations." In the Bay Psalm Book, edition of 1647, a few spiritual songs were added; it is evident therefore that the following are the stanzas which were sung by the Synod assembled in Boston, more than 230 years ago, as above referred to.

"O Lord, Almighty God thy works both great and wondrous be,
Just King of saints, and true thy ways. Who shall not reverence thee,
O Lord, and glorify thy name, for holy thou alone:
For nations all shall worship thee, for judgments thine are known."

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* Rev. John Higginson, son of Francis Higginson, an English clergyman, who arrived in this country June 16, 1629, was chosen first teacher of the church in Salem, with Samuel Skelton pastor. John Higginson was born in Claybrook, England, Aug. 6, 1616, died in Salem Mass. Dec. 9, 1708, aged 93 years. He was settled over a congregation in Guilford, Conn. for a number of years, In 1660 he was ordained pastor of the first Church in Salem, where he remained till the close of his life, having been 72 years in the ministry.

† Rev William Hubbard, born in England in 1621, died in Ipswich, Mass., Sept. 14, 1704 aged 83 years. He was graduated at Harvard College in 1642, ordained minister at Ipswich about 1656 where he continued during the remainder of his life.

It was the design of these translators to produce a metrical version of the psalms that should convey to the mind of the reader the exact meaning of the text, though it were necessary to sacrifice all euphony for the sake of a literal translation. In this they succeeded beyond any who had before them attempted a metrical translation of the Psalms. Their work was highly esteemed both in the colonies and the mother country, and large numbers of the revised editions were bound up with the Bible, a copy af which is in the family of one of our members.

Though the Bay Psalm Book was almost the only one in use by the New England Churches for nearly a hundred and fifty years from the settlement of the pilgrims on these shores, and large editions of the work were printed here and elsewhere, yet to-day, but very few copies of the original edition can be found, and later issues as revised, are by no means common. The American Antiquarian Society possesses a copy of the edition of 1640, at least so it is claimed by the officers of that institution, and I so regard it, which is in good condition, except that the title page is wanting. Hood in his "History of Music in New England" says, "the *twenty seventh* edition may be seen in the Antiquarian Hall at Worcester, Mass. There is no date of the year in which it was published, but it was probably done between the years 1746 and 1750." I think Hood has made a mistake in supposing this copy to be one of the 27th edition, for all editions after 1650, had printed with the psalms, spiritual songs and hymns, while this copy has none. The text also appears to agree with selections that I have seen from other copies of the first edition. In a note by Isaiah Thomas, Sept. 20th, 1820, found in this volume, he says, "After advertising for another copy of this book, and making enquiry in many places in New-England, &c. I was not able to obtain or even to hear of another. This copy is therefore invaluable, and must be preserved with the greatest care. It is in its original binding." There were, however, other copies at that time though not generally known, and they are still extant. That Society has a copy of the revised edition of Dunster and Lyon, printed at Cambridge, England, in 1655, a small 16mo. which was originally bound up with a copy of the Scriptures from which Mr. Thomas took it. There may be seen also two other copies or more of the later editions.

There were five copies of the original work owned by Rev. Thomas Prince, which he kept in the steeple chamber of the Old South Meeting-house. Two copies still remain in the Prince collection, now in custody of the Free Public Library in Boston. In 1860 Dr. Nathaniel B. Shurtleff procured a copy by exchange with the deacons of the Old South Church, which after his death was sold to Mr. Sydney S. Ryder of Providence, R. I., for $1025, and is now supposed to be in the library of the late John Carter Brown of that city. This copy once belonged to Rev. Richard Mather, and after his death to his son, Increase Mather. George Livermore of Cambridge and Edward A. Crowninshield of Boston, each secured a copy in the same manner—that of Mr. Livermore still being retained by his widow; the copy owned by Mr. Crownishield was sold to Mr. Henry Stevens, of Vermont and London, who was the purveyor for the British Museum in the collection of American Books, and this copy was reported to have been sold for that Institution for £160; but it was finally purchased by the late George Brinley, of Hartford, and at the sale of his library in New York, passed into the hands of Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt of that city. This copy was superbly bound by Bedford, of London, and was inclosed in an elegant Solander case of blue Morocco. There is also an incomplete copy in the library of Harvard College. It lacks the title page, part of the introduction and a few of the last leaves of the book. The pages are clean and in a good state of preservation. This first edition was printed by Stephen Daye, at Cambridge, Mass. in 1640, his being the only press then in the Colonies. The above embraces all the copies of the first edition of which I have any knowledge, and it is very doubtful whether any more are now extant.

An exact reprint was published in 1862, by C. B. Richardson of New York, from the copy of Dr. Shurtleff with a preface by him, who also superintended the publication of the work.

I have now accomplished what I designed by giving an account, so far as time and my researches will allow, of the hymnology of the New England fathers, together with some notes concerning the Sacred poetry of more ancient times. This however would lack far more of completeness if I should neglect some statements concerning the Psalms and Hymns of Dr. Isaac

Watts, which took the place of the New England version, and, until within a few years, were almost universally used where the English tongue is spoken, and even now, enter largely into all the compilations of the present day. The circumstances under which Dr. Watts, the "great precentor of the immense choirs which he will forever lead," gave to the Church his first hymn, are peculiarly interesting. "He complained to some official in the Independent Church of Southampton, of which his father was a deacon, that the hymnists of the day were sadly out of taste." "Give us something better" was the reply. He wrote a new hymn, and the Church was invited to close its evening services by singing the following, now familiar lines:—

> "Behold the glories of the Lamb, amidst his father's throne;
> Prepare new honors for his name, and songs before unknown."

Dr. Watts was born in Southampton, England, July 17, 1674, and died in London, Nov. 25, 1748. In 1712 he went to live with Sir Thomas Abney, an Alderman of London, in whose family he remained as a guest throughout the rest of his life, a period of 36 years. His "Psalms of David imitated in the language of the New Testament and apply'd to the Christian state and Worship" were first published in 1719. In the preface, dated Dec. 1, 1716, occurs the following on the use of the Psalm Book.

"The chief Design of this Work was to improve Psalmody or Religious Singing, and to encourage the frequent Practice of it in publick Assemblies and private Families, with more Honour and Delight: yet the Author hopes the Reading of it may also Entertain the Parlour and the Closet with devout Pleasure and holy Meditations. Therefore he would request his Readers at proper Seasons to peruse it through; and among 340 Sacred Hymns they may find out several that suit their own Case and Temper, or the Circumstances of their Families and Friends; they may teach their Children such as are proper for their Age, and by training them in their Memory they may be furnished for pious Retirement, or may entertain their Friends with holy Melody." Some directions are also given for the proper singing of the psalms which would be useful, if regarded at the present day. The edition from which I have made the above quotation was printed in Boston, by D. and J. Kneeland, in 1761, and is owned by the Rev George Allen who kindly loaned it to me for the purpose.

The first complete collection of the works of Dr. Watts was published by Drs. Jennings and Doddridge in 6 volumes, 4to., London, 1754, and his biography by Dr. Johnson is included in the "Lives of the Poets." The editions of his psalms and hymns are innumerable and it is estimated that 50,000 copies were sold annually in England and the United States for a long period of years. In their devotional spirit they have never been surpassed by any writer, ancient or modern, and the most of them are excellent models of sacred poetry. Twelve of the Psalms, viz: the 28, 43, 52, 54, 59, 64, 70, 79, 88, 108, 137 and 140th do not appear to have been versified by Watts, but in some collections of Psalmody these have been supplied by president Dwight, Joel Barlow and others. The familiar hymn, "I love thy Kingdom Lord," was written by Dwight and is a paraphrase of the 137th Psalm in short metre.

Some of the hymns of Dr. Watts may be objected to as appearing vindictive in their character and partaking too strongly of the speculative, dogmatic theology of his time. But it must not be forgotten that these hymns were written at a period when the divines were accustomed to speak more plainly than now concerning the great truths of which they were the advocates and defenders, and the people would then receive their statements with submissive wills, not requiring the "polishing of God's altars." The following hymn of Dr. Watts, No. 44 Book II., I suppose would hardly find a place to-day in any new collection for general use.

"With holy fear, and humble song, the dreadful God our souls adore;
Reverence and awe become the tongue, that speaks the terrors of his power.
Far in the deep, where darkness dwells, the land of horror and despair,—
Justice has built a dismal hell, and laid her stores of vengeance there.

Eternal plagues and heavy chains, tormenting racks and fiery coals,—
And darts to inflict immortal pains, dyed in the blood of damned souls.
There Satan, the first sinner, lies, and roars, and bites his iron bands;
In vain the rebel strives to rise, crushed with the weight of both thy hands.

There guilty ghosts of Adam's race shriek out, and howl beneath thy rod;
Once they could scorn a Saviour's grace, but they incensed a dreadful God.
Tremble, my soul, and kiss the Son: sinner, obey thy Saviour's call;
Else your damnation hastens on and hell gapes wide to wait your fall."

The following is perhaps better adapted to the spirit of the times and serves to show that Watts, though severe as well as graphic in his description of the "damned souls," possessed also a tender heart, and a consciousness of God's compassion for the children of his love.

"My soul, repeat His praise, whose mercies are so great:
Whose anger is so slow to rise, so ready to abate.
The pity of the Lord, to those that fear his name,
Is such as tender parents feel; he knows our feeble frame.

Our days are as the grass, or like the morning flower;
If one sharp blast sweep o'er the field, it withers in an hour.
But thy compassions, Lord, to endless years endure;
And children's children ever find thy words of promise sure."

But it seems superfluous and entirely out of place for me to say anything concerning the character of the lyrics of Dr. Watts, so familiar to all, some of which, most of those present have doubtless learned while the infant tongue proclaimed its Maker's praise.

The first American edition of Dr. Watts' version of the Psalms was printed at Philadelphia in 1741, by Dr. Franklin, Watts being one of his favorite authors. Another edition appeared in Boston, about the same time and also an edition of Tate and Brady. These works gradually superceded the Bay Psalm Book, but at what time Watts' psalms were first used in the Colonial churches I am unable to determine. It is possible that they found their way here before the publication of an American edition, for the opinion of Dr. Cotton Mather concerning the work was asked by Dr. Watts, who sent to him specimen copies of some of his hymns, and from that distinguished writer and theologian he received encouragement in his undertaking. It is not probable however that these psalms and hymns came into general use till after the Revolution. Dr. Prince's revision having been made in 1758, and passed through many editions, his work must have been generally used in the American churches for a number of years. But Dr. Watts' psalms and hymns eventually took the place of the New England Version, to which the churches had become strongly attached, by its use for a hundred and fifty years, so that the change could not be made without

much controversy, and, in too many cases, great bitterness of feeling existed. When once brought into general use, they became as much the favorites of the churches as had those in use before them, and have ever since held their place in the esteem and affections of the people. No others have been so universally used by all denominations of Christians as those of Dr. Watts. Other writers have rendered important service to the churches by their sacred poetry, among whom may be mentioned, the Wesleys, Addison and Montgomery, and many others, but it is not my purpose to extend this paper by giving any particular account of these writers and their hymns. I cannot however, neglect giving a single selection from James Montgomery, who is admitted to have been one of the best religious poets of his time, and whose description of the "Man of Sorrows," as well also, the the true lesson of charity, has never been surpassed in beauty of expression and pathetic sentiment, in fact in its complete portraiture,—the admiration of all whose hearts are susceptible of true sympathy and tender emotion, and the favorite poem of the honored president of this Society. Upon the retirement of Montgomery from the editorial profession in 1825, his friends gave him a public dinner at Sheffield, and upon this occasion he modestly spoke of his literary career. He said, "I sang of war—but it was the war of freedom, in which death was preferred to chains. I sang the Abolition of the Slave Trade,—and of the love of home. I sang the love which man ought to bear towards his brother, of every kindred, and country, and clime upon earth. I sang the love of virtue, which elevates man to his true standard under heaven; I sang, too, the love of God, who *is* love."

The selection that I have made and which follows, is entitled in his collected poems, "*The Stranger and his Friend.*"

"A poor wayfaring Man of grief hath often cross'd me on my way,
Who sued so humbly for relief, that I could never answer "Nay:"
I had not power to ask his name, whither he went, or whence he came,
Yet was there something in his eye that won my love, I knew not why.

Once, when my scanty meal was spread he enter'd;—not a word he spake;—
Just perishing for want of bread; I gave him all; he bless'd it, brake,
And ate,—but gave me part again; mine was an Angel's portion then,
For while I fed with eager haste, that crust was manna to my taste.

I spied him, where a fountain burst clear from the rock; his strength was gone;
The heedless water mock'd his thirst, he heard it, saw it hurrying on:
I ran to raise the sufferer up; thrice from the stream he drain'd my cup,
Dipt, and return'd it running o'er; I drank, and never thirsted more.

'T was night; the floods were out; it blew a winter hurricane aloof;
I heard his voice abroad, and flew to bid him welcome to my roof;
I warm'd I clothed, I cheer'd my guest, laid him on my own couch to rest;
Then made the hearth my bed, and seem'd in Eden's garden when I dream'd.

Stript, wounded, beaten, nigh to death, I found him by the highway-side:
I roused his pulse, brought back his breath, revived his spirit, and supplied
Wine, oil, refreshment; he was healed; —I had myself a wound conceal'd;
But from that hour forgot the smart, and Peace bound up my broken heart.

In prison I saw him next, condemn'd to meet a traitor's doom at morn;
The tide of lying tongues I stemm'd, and honor'd him 'midst shame and scorn:
My friendship's utmost zeal to try, he ask'd if I for him would die;
The flesh was weak, my blood ran chill, but the free spirit cried, "I will."—

Then in a moment to my view the Stranger darted from disguise;
The tokens in his hands I knew, my Saviour stood before mine eyes:
He spake; and my poor name He named; "Of me thou hast not been ashamed:
These deeds shall thy memorial be; fear not, thou didst them unto Me."

I desire also to introduce the following lines, by an unknown author, upon the death of a little child, which, interesting in themselves, are deeply so to me, and will doubtless find a response in the hearts of others present who may have been called to part with their own offspring while yet in the tender age of infancy.

"Wait! my little one, wait! when you get to the beautiful land;
Tarry a little, my darling, ere you join the heavenly band,
Stand close to the shining gates of pearl, look out on the narrow way,
For I want the first glance of my heaven-born sight on my little baby to stray.

Wait! my little one, wait! when you reach the courts above;
Look down with the light of thy beautiful eyes on those that you used to love,
Whisper sweet dreams in our earthly ears when we lie down to sleep;
Paint bright pictures before our eyes when we awaken to weep.

Wait! my little one, wait! when you reach the celestial strand,
For thy mother may be toiling up to the hights of the better land.
For years that fall like molten lead on the hearts this side of the sea,
Will pass like the light of a beautiful dream, my little babe, o'er thee."

The psalms and hymns of Dr. Watts have been the comfort and solace of persons in all stations of life, from the humblest obscure saint to the most gifted scholar or statesman that our country has honored and loved. Rufus Choate, the eminent advocate, could turn from the law and pursuit of earthly titles, and sing with devout affection his favorite hymn :—

"When I can read my title clear to mansions in the skies,
I bid farewell to every fear, and wipe my weeping eyes.
Should earth against my soul engage, and hellish darts be hurl'd;
Then I can smile at Satan's rage, and face a frowning world.

Let cares like a wild deluge come, and storms of sorrow fall;
May I but safely reach my home, my God, my heaven, my all:—
There shall I bathe my weary soul in seas of heavenly rest;
And not a wave of trouble roll across my peaceful breast."

John Quincy Adams, burdened with the cares of State, or in retirement among his classic lore, could raise his thoughts from all these earthly concerns and in the hymn of his choice would say :—

"How beauteous are their feet, who stand on Zion's hill!
Who bring salvation on their tongues, and words of peace reveal!
How charming is their voice! how sweet the tidings are!
Zion behold thy Saviour—King, he reigns and triumphs here!

How happy are our ears, that hear this joyful sound!—
Which kings and prophets waited for, and sought, but never found!
How blessed are our eyes that see this heavenly light!
Prophets and kings desir'd it long, but dy'd without the sight!

The watchmen join their voice, and tuneful notes employ;
Jerusalem breaks forth in songs, and deserts learn the joy.
The Lord makes bare his arm, through all the earth abroad;
Let ev'ry nation now behold their Saviour and their God."

And the immortal Webster, devout in his very nature, standing among his native mountains, while leaving all meaner things below, could utter with the profoundest reverence and with the deepest sympathies of his great heart, the following favorite lines from Watts :—

"Up to the hills I lift mine eyes, th' eternal hills beyond the skies;
Thence all her help my soul derives: there my almighty refuge lives.
He lives! the everlasting God, who built the world, who spread the flood;
The heavens with all their hosts he made, and the dark regions of the dead!

He guides our feet, he guards our way; his morning smiles bless all the day;
He spreads the ev'ning veil, and keeps the silent hours while Israel sleeps.
Israel, a name divinely blest, may rise secure, securely rest;
Thy holy Guardian's wakeful eyes admit no slumber or surprise.

No sun shall smite thy head by day; nor the pale moon, with sickly ray,
Shall blast thy couch; no baleful star dart his malignant fire so far.
Should earth and hell with malice burn, still thou shalt go, and still return,
Safe in the Lord; his heavenly care defends thy life from ev'ry snare.
On thee foul spirits have no power; and, in thy last departing hour,
Angels, who trace the airy road, shall bear thee homeward to thy God."

Enough has been said, I think, to show something of the eminent character and spirit of devotion which the writers of our sacred poetry in times past possessed; and the legacy which each in turn left to those who should come after them, has been of inestimable value in directing and shaping the moral and religious character of the generations that have followed. I cannot perhaps more fittingly conclude the reading of this paper, than by quoting from one of the modern poets of another land, Horatius Bonar, of Christian fame:—

"Beyond the smiling and the weeping I shall be soon;
Beyond the waking and the sleeping, beyond the sowing and the reaping,
I shall be soon. Love, rest, and home! sweet home!
Lord, tarry not, but come.

Beyond the blooming and the fading I shall be soon;
Beyond the shining and the shading, beyond the hoping and the dreading,
I shall be soon. Love, rest, and home! sweet home!
Lord, tarry not, but come.

Beyond the rising and the setting I shall be soon;
Beyond the calming and the fretting, beyond remembering and forgetting,
I shall be soon. Love, rest, and home! sweet home!
Lord, tarry not, but come.

Beyond the parting and the meeting I shall be soon;
Beyond the farewell and the greeting, beyond the pulse's fever beating,
I shall be soon. Love, rest, and home! sweet home!
Lord, tarry not, but come.

Beyond the frost-chain and the fever I shall be soon;
Beyond the rock-waste and the river, beyond the ever and the never,
I shall be soon. Love, rest, and home! sweet home!
Lord, tarry not, but come."

DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

REPORT ON ARCHÆOLOGY AND GENERAL HISTORY.

This Department has continued during the present year under substantially the same arrangement as that of last year. As was intimated in the Report previous to this, little can be here done in the way of direct investigation until our Society becomes strong enough to furnish sufficient means for such a purpose. When the time comes that this aid is extended, we may expect large results to follow, and may hope to have long reports from our own workers; till then we shall have to depend for the material which makes up our annual report entirely on the researches of others. Fortunately the laborers in the field are now numerous so that we have ample opportunity for selection.

On the banks of the Nile and the Euphrates, in Asia Minor, Greece and Italy, as well as in various other parts of the old world, distinguished scholars are busily engaged, struggling to rescue from oblivion some memorials of the past. They pursue their work indefatigably, and are generally undaunted by obstacles: for most of them have royal arms and royal treasure to back them, being under the patronage of some regal government. It is not so much, however, to the discoveries of these Eastern savants that attention is here directed as it is to the results of like researches on this side the ocean. Here too archæology has its votaries, and here also are fields for discovery not less fertile than any the other hemisphere can boast. Of this the works of Brasseur de Bourbourg, Catlin, Hubert Bancroft, W. A. Bell and a host of other investigators bear abundant testimony.

In my report of last year allusion was made to the discovery by Dr. Habel, of some finely sculptured slabs in Gautemala. Dr. Habel has made a careful study of these sculptures, comparing them with other specimens of early art found in different parts of the world, and gives the result of his labors in a pamphlet issued by the Smithsonian Institution a few months ago.

In the course of his description he uses this very significant language: "These sculptures of Santa Lucia Casumalhuapa are to me the most interesting of the kind that have been preserved of the ancient inhabitants of America, furnishing as they do unequivocal proof of the advanced culture to which their constructors had attained." Such sentences as this will not form pleasant reading for those constitutional sceptics and pseudo-archaeologists who make it a business to decry everything that bespeaks any degree of civilization or refinement for the early American races. It is much to be hoped that Dr. Habel will continue his researches with as great success in the future as in the past.

Rev. Stephen Bowers, whose explorations in Southern California were also noticed in my previous report, has published an account of his discoveries. The examination which he made of certain Indian burial places was productive of some remarkable results, the most noteworthy of which was the finding of exact duplicates of the stone implements figured in Dr. Schlieman's Mycenæ. It can hardly be claimed that this amounts to convincing proof of an affinity between the early inhabitants of Greece and those of California, but it at least affords a remarkable instance of the bent of men's minds in the same direction as far back as the Stone Age.

In connection with the above should be mentioned the recent discovery in a mound in Muscatine county, Iowa, of two pipes representing respectively an animal like a bear and an elephant without tusks. Of course there is nothing strange in the fact that the first of these animals appears, but the second strikes us with surprise, not to say amazement. Where did the designer get his model for *this* subject? Was the elephant contemporaneous with the Mound-builder in the Northwest? or was the Mastodon not yet extinct and the representation an attempt to imitate him? or, still further, had the artist derived his idea from the distant East, or from observations made in his own wanderings? These questions must remain unanswered, for the Mound-builder has disappeared, and left nothing behind to tell his story.

Some curious information as to the character of the ancient inhabitants of Florida has lately been developed by Lieut. A. W. Vogeles, U. S. A., who has devoted considerable time to explorations in that locality. He opened a number of shell mounds in

Western Florida, and found many human bones, the larger of which were charred and split, particularly the marrow bones, this seeming to show that the people were cannibals. The fireplaces where the cooking was done were found on digging into the sides of the mound, and from their ashes were taken split human bones together with those of animals. It is not pleasant to think that a race of man-eaters once occupied a part of our national domain, but such would appear to be the well attested fact. The knowledge of this, however, need not completely humiliate us, for although some of our predecessors here may have been cannibals, there is at least no evidence to show that they had a fondness for eating their parents and other near relatives, as was the case with the original inhabitants of some parts of the Old World.

It is a matter of congratulation to students of American archæology that an exhaustive work on American Indian Mythology is being prepared, and will soon be published. Its authors are Major Powell, Col. Garrick Mallery and Mrs. A. R. Marsine, persons well fitted for the task, and who have spared no pains to make their work accurate and complete.

The foregoing instances of archæological investigation have been given chiefly to show, in some degree, how great is the interest in that subject in this part of the world. This interest is rapidly increasing, nearly every state in the Union now having one or more societies organized for the purpose of initiating and carrying on antiquarian research: in addition to which should be mentioned the labors of various individual workers in almost every section of the country. It is to be hoped that our own society will ere long be in a position to exert an influence in this direction. It should be remembered that the scope of this Department includes general history as well as archæology. But little has heretofore been done in relation to the former of these branches other than the addition to the Library, at different times, of sundry historical works. There is, however, one direction in which I think work might be pressed more vigorously, and that is the line of political history. Large collections of material bearing on this subject could be made with little effort. Several members have already interested themselves in the matter, bringing in enough documents to form a nucleus, and if the

rest would only follow their example we should soon have in our possession a mass of political literature the like of which is owned by no other society. We are happily situated for undertaking a work of this sort. Worcester has been in the past, as it probably will be in the future, the centre of political action in this state. It used to be known as "the hot-bed of radicalism," and it well earned its title. That it was the home of those great apostles of Liberty, Isaiah Thomas and Charles Allen, is sufficient proof of its character. A complete set of the political pamphlets issued from Worcester alone during the last hundred years would be a treasure in itself. How much more valuable would be such a collection gathered from all parts of the state, or, still further from the whole country! I trust that members will not neglect the opportunity presented them of increasing the Society's library by gifts of this sort. These documents are the easiest obtained of any that one would be likely to look after, in fact one does not have to look after them at all when they are first issued; they then usually come entirely unsought. It is only when they become rare and valuable that there is demand for them. Let, therefore, every political paper, however worthless it may appear, be saved and added to the general collection; it will grow in value with advancing time, and the Society will be all the richer for it.

CHARLES R. JOHNSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY.

It is perhaps generally well understood, especially among the members of this Society, that the Department of Local History and Genealogy has to deal with the records of men, corporations, societies, institutions and organizations of every kind, buildings new and old, as well as the highways and by-ways of Worcester. Every existing monoment should receive our attention.

As we glance backward over the year that has passed since our last report, and observe the changes that have taken place, how prominently the fact comes to our notice, that among *men* do we find the greatest number of innovations. Much as time may seem to deface the monuments of our early settlement, as we see the quaint old buildings gradually crumbling to fragments, or removed to give place to more modern styles of structure, our ancient lanes worked into broad and level avenues, for all this is noticable, no more striking fact is worthy of our consideration than the loss we and the community around us sustain by the death of influential, honest, trustworthy men. Some have recently passed away who began their lives and usefulness in Worcester County, and have been identified with the growth and development of our city, manfully withstanding for a half century the test of life in its various forms, always representing character and principle. Such men are towers of strength in the community where they reside, beacon lights to guide and stimulate young men to true and noble deeds, and make history worthy of preservation. Every year some of these grand old monuments with locks whitened by the frosts of many winters, are stricken to the ground, and their life of activity closed; but the influence of a well-spent life continues on, adding its mite for the purpose of shaping the lives and actions of others. I am pleased to notice that deaths among the old settlers have not been as numerous during the past year as they were the one previous; and that we may have our record as complete as possible, I have introduced in this report the names of some persons who were once active, and prominent men in Worcester, but who afterwards made other homes, and died in distant places.

Hon. Maturin L. Fisher died Feb., 1879, at Farmersburg, Iowa. He was a son of Rev. Lewis Fisher, of Danville Vt., and born in that town ; a graduate of Brown University in the class of 1828. Studied law with the Hon. Isaac Davis, admitted to the bar in 1831. He practiced his profession in Worcester for many years, and at the death of Mr. Christopher C. Baldwin he succeeded him in the office of Librarian of the American Antiquarian Society, performing the duties of that office several years. He was Postmaster of Worcester for ten years, beginning with 1839. While here he took an active part in political affairs. After making his home in Iowa he filled many prominent public places, including that of State Senator from 1852 to 1856.

On the 14th day of April last, Mr. Windsor Howe died in the town of Bolton, at the extraordinary age of 102 years 8 months and 14 days. Mr. Howe was a native of Marlboro, born July 31st, 1776. In 1791 he came to Worcester to learn the saddler's trade, and continued working at that business here some seven years. During the war of 1812 he enlisted for one year, and was in charge of the toll-gate on the old Worcester Turnpike on the Sabbath day when Col. Tuttle passed through with 700 men on his way from Westboro to Worcester.

Mr. Parley Holman of Cherry Valley, (Leicester) died May 19th. He was a very quiet, unassuming man, receiving full confidence of the entire community in which he lived, and was held in high regard for his firmness for the right and his devotion to principle.

The death of Rev. Moses G. Grosvenor occurred at his home in this city, July 24th. He was son of Rev. Daniel Grosvenor of Grafton, born in 1796, a graduate of Dartmouth College, class of 1818.

Clough R. Miles Esq., of Grantville, died July 30th. He was formerly a resident of Millbury, and one of the oldest members of the Worcester Bar, a graduate of Harvard, class of 1817.

We next have to record the death of our respected townsman, Anthony Chase Esq., which occurred at his residence in this city, August 4th. For more than sixty years Mr. Chase had been one of the active business men of Worcester, always

respected, and enjoying the full confidence of his fellow townsmen. He was born in the town of Paxton, June 16th, 1791, and in the summer of 1816, at the age of 25, came to Worcester and began life as a Merchant in company with his brother-in-law, the Hon. John Milton Earle. In 1823 Mr. Earle became editor of the *Massachusetts Spy*, and for several years Mr. Chase was interested with him in the publication of that paper. After having been associated with Mr. Earle about twelve years, he, in 1828 became the first agent at Worcester of the Blackstone Canal. In 1831 he was elected County Treasurer, serving in that capacity 34 years. He was for 20 years previous to 1852, Secretary of the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and President of that company from that date until his decease. He was one of the corporate members of the Central Bank in 1828; first secretary of the Worcester Lyceum and Library Association, and also of the Worcester County Mechanics' Association; for many years a Director in the Citizens' Bank, and Vice President of the Worcester Institution for savings. Mr. Chase was often called upon to occupy places of honor and trust, never betraying the confidence reposed in him, always zealous for truth and integrity in whatever station he found himself, a genial, unselfish man, an honored and useful citizen.

August 19th, another prominent business man, a Worcester mechanic, Mr. Joel W. Upham, a near neighbor to Mr. Chase, was called to lay aside his usefulness. Mr. Upham was a native of Brookfield, but for many years engaged in the manufacture of water-wheels in this city, and by his improvements in them gained a valuable reputation for his work throughout New England.

Oct. 30th, our citizens were startled by the announcement of the sudden death of Charles A. Hamilton Esq., he having died early that morning. He was a native of Worcester, born May 11, 1805, and began life as clerk, 1821, in the bookstore of the late George A. Trumbull. In 1823 he went to Boston as a clerk, but the year following returned and assumed the duties as clerk in his father's store, becoming a partner with him in the business in 1826. The year 1829 found him employed in the office of the clerk of the Courts. He was made Deputy Sheriff in 1830, holding the office for three years, and he was Town Treasurer from

1831 to 1833. At the organization of the Quinsigamond Bank, March 25, 1833, Mr. Hamilton was made its Cashier, which office he retained until Oct. 6, 1853. He was Town Clerk from 1836 to 1848, when the city was organized, and he was chosen the first City Clerk, resigning the office in March 1855. Mr. Hamilton was elected Treasurer of the Worcester County Institution for Savings in October, 1853, and he faithfully performed the duties of that office until his death. For the past few years some little notice has been taken of his sharp and rather harsh way of receiving and addressing people who came to transact business with him. But this had undoubtedly grown upon him through long years of hard service and close confinement at his post of duty, and it would be exceedingly difficult to find, within the history of Worcester, a man who has occupied so many responsible positions in public as well as in active business life, with such general acceptance, such marked integrity, such genuine consecration to duty, as Mr. Charles A. Hamilton. I will not weary you with a recitation of all the offices of trust and responsibility that were thrust upon him, only adding a few to those already mentioned. He was Notary Public from 1835 to 1839, Justice of the Peace for 20 years from 1844, chosen a Deacon in the Second Parish in 1847, and was an active worker in its Sunday School, made a life member of the American Unitarian Association in 1851. Mr. Hamilton joined the Worcester Light Infantry as early as 1821, made Corporal in 1822, Sergeant and Clerk in 1824, chosen Lieutenant in 1826, and Captain in 1828, receiving an honorable discharge from the corps in 1831. He was the oldest survivor of the organization, always active in the interest of the corps, and at the organization of the Veteran Association was chosen its first president.

During the past eight or ten years, many of our citizens have been more or less interested in the matter of extending Foster street, and I have compiled a few facts relating to that subject, which it was thought best to introduce into this report.

The history of the extension of Foster street properly includes certain changes made in the locations of railroad tracks and passenger stations in the city, and it would be an incomplete and an unjust record were we to leave out that portion of our narative. The Old Foster street Station, so long the terminus of the Boston and Worcester Railroad had long been cherished by the citizens of Worcester. It was their first Railroad Depot, the most accessible, and seemed by its central location to exactly meet the wants of the local patrons of the Railroads, and an effort was made in 1849 by the several railroad corporations to have here a Union Passenger Station, the Boston and Worcester, Worcester and Nashua and Norwich and Worcester Railroad companies acceding to the arrangement. Thus matters stood until after the consolidation of the Boston and Worcester and Western into the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation in 1867. Then the wise and frugal managers of that road began to look for a point where a saving might be made in their expenditures, and their eyes fell upon the Old Foster street Depot, and about two years after the consolidation they presented a petition to the Legislature, asking to be permitted to abandon that station, the accommodations at Washington Square being, as they thought, sufficient to meet the wants of the travelling public. The other interested railroad corporations, assisted by many of the citizens, presented a remonstrance against such a serious change in matters so vital to their interests. The result of this movement was the passage of an act entitled "An Act in relation to Union Passenger and Freight Depots in Worcester." This Act which was approved May 10, 1869, virtually gave all the Railroad Companies then entering the city the right to arrange for, and construct such Union Passenger and Freight Depots as they among themselves might agree upon; and also to discontinue such stations and tracks as in their judgment they might think best. For two years the acting agents of the several roads held meetings at which plans for entering all the roads in a common center were presented and thoroughly studied, but no definite arrangement was adopted. In the mean time there had been developing a feeling among our citizens to have the Railroad tracks removed from the Old Common.

Numerous petitions had been circulated about the city, receiving without hesitation the name of almost every person accosted, for no one with the avarage amount of intelligence could fail to see that the passage of numerous railroad trains across two of our principal streets, and often at a time of the day when public travel would be most interfered with, was a most serious inconvenience, and that some steps should be taken to obtain relief from such a common nuisance. The Mayor and Aldermen in obedience to a petition, caused an article to be put into the Warrant, asking for an expression of opinion from the citizens regarding the removal of those tracks from the streets in question, and at the election of city officers, in December, 1870, two thousand three hundred and thirty votes were cast in favor of the removal. Armed with this authority, the city fathers took the matter seriously in hand, and in 1871 petitioned the General Court for the removal of the railroad tracks from the Common and certain streets of Worcester. Whether this was intended as the initiatory step to compel the removal of the Foster street station, I cannot say, but to some it might seem so. This was the beginning of a grand struggle. The petition was in due course referred to the Committee on Railways, the same being composed of such men as Hon. John E. Sanford, Hon. Charles F. Adams, Hon. Frank Bird, Dr. Samuel G. Howe and others, who, on the 21st day of March, 1871, granted the parties in interest a hearing which lasted four or five days. Signers to the remonstrance were numerous, numbering nearly a thousand, and it was claimed by some that they paid annually, taxes to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars. Strong opposition to the petition was presented at this hearing from citizens residing in towns along the several railroad routes leading to and from our city. Hundreds of Worcester people, both friends and foes of the scheme, were in daily attendance. Five of the most able lawyers in Worcester County, and two from Boston, were engaged in the case, the city of Worcester paying for the services of three of them. It was a civil contest of no mean proportions, each advocate being nerved to do his best, and marked ability was displayed on all sides. Perhaps never within the the past history of Worcester can there be found an instance where so much legal talent was concentrated on one case.

The late Mayor, Edward Earle, was present to look after the city's interest. The Boston and Albany Railroad was represented by its president, vice president and solicitor, eager to offer additional strength and argument for securing a release from the maintenance of the Foster street Station, and to protect their interest in the bill passed for their benefit in 1869. There was another party present of considerable strength, and by far the most numerous, perhaps outnumbering all the rest, who was desirous that Foster street Station should be retained, the latter presented a strong front and made a vigorous and manly fight but were obliged to succumb, owing mainly to the superior ground held by the sharp shooters among the petitioners. The Boston and Albany Railroad wielded a powerful battery, while among their allies were men who exercised herculean power among members of the Legislature as well as in the city government. While the contest was fiercely raging the trumpet sounded and a parley was held by some of the leaders at which concessions were agreed upon developing into a section which appeared in the bill that was passed by the General Court compelling the city to extend Foster street from Norwich street to Washington Square, and maintain railroad tracks in the same, for the accommodation of the business firms then being accommodated by the Boston and Albany Railroad Company. With this compromise, the land owners in the vicinity of the Foster street Station quietly withdrew from the contest, which seriously impaired the strength of the remonstrants, and thereupon the hearing was closed.

As a relic of that interesting colloquy, we have the Act under Chapt. 343 of the Laws of 1871, entitled "an Act to provide for a Union Passenger Station and for the removal of Railroad tracks from certain Public ways and grounds in the city of Worcester." It was approved May 25th, 1871, covers eight 8vo. pages with twenty-four sections, one of which repeals the act of 1869, another provides that the Mayor and Aldermen may and shall (after the discontinuance of the Railroad tracks between Shrewsbury street and the Foster street Station) extend Foster street with a width not less than 60 feet, from its present eastern terminus to Summer street, "and said city shall maintain suitable Railroad tracks upon said extension, etc." This project looked well on paper, and for the time being there was a great calm.

Thus a few solicitous individuals, through the aid of the Legislature, had forced upon the city the obligation of constructing this street, 60 feet in width, and so far as I have been able to learn from the records, without an official expression of the City Council in any way relating to it. According to the Act the New Union Station was to be completed within *two* years from the date of the passage of the bill, and within *three* years from the same date the several Railroads must discontinue their present locations running to the Foster street Station; then the new street was to be built. The Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation was to be relieved from supporting the old depot on Foster street, but compelled to build a new Union Station. The city fathers were to be relieved from the track on the Common, Park, Front and Mechanic streets, but compelled to extend Foster street. A reflection on this state of things caused the fever to subside, and then came a reaction. For sometime there existed a certain degree of apathy concerning the matter; only now and then came an expression as to how or in what form the street should be extended. The time stipulated for the completion of the Union Depot proving insufficient, an extension was asked for and granted by an Act of the Legislature, approved Feb. 17, 1873, allowing until the first day of June, 1875, to finish the work, and the time for discontinuing and relocating tracks was also continued until the 1st day of June, 1876. For more than four years from the passage of the Act of 1871, the citizens of Worcester had been toiling on almost forgetful of the great responsibility resting upon the community, while some sufficiently thoughtful were hoping that some influence might be used in obtaining an honorable release from the execution of such an unwise legislative act, believing that the matter of extending and constructing streets should always be left to the free and unfettered judgment of the people who pay the taxes for their construction. But some good law abiding citizen drew an order which passed the city government Sept. 6, 1875, instructing the city Engineer to prepare a plan and profile for widening and extending Foster street in accordance with the Act of the Legislature, passed March 1871. It is said that the acting city engineer commenced the survey of this street under the direction of some

anxious city official before any proper authority had been obtained, and that the Mayor suspended his operations for the time.

May 15th, 1876, the Worcester and Nashua Railroad Company petitioned the City Council for a narrow strip of land on the south side of their location on the curve near Summer street, to enable them to have two tracks from Bridge street to the Union Depot. At this same meeting of the board of Aldermen a resolution was passed stating "that as soon as the locations between the Foster street station and Summer street shall be discontinued, this board will proceed at once to extend Foster street to Summer street as required by Sec. 22 of the Union Depot Act of 1871." At the following session of the City Council held May 29, 1876, a communication was received from Mr. E. W. Lincoln, chairman of the board of Commissioners of Public Grounds, in reference to the early removal of the railroad tracks from the Common, and the necessity for an appropriation of money for grading the same. A resolution was introduced in the Common Council chamber that same evening, and passed, requesting the mayor and aldermen to postpone action, as in their opinion the public necessity did not demand the extension of Foster street at this time when every effort of the city government ought to be put forth in the interest of strict economy. This action of the Council again drew out the friends of the enterprise, and June 12, 1876, they sent in a petition asking for the extension of the street upon which the board of Aldermen ordered that a hearing be granted Tuesday, June 22, 1876, at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M. At this hearing four different routes were advocated, each with a high grade and a low grade. The original plan for extending the street was to follow the abandoned location of the Boston and Albany railroad, and the Act of 1871 was drawn in the interest of such a plan, although worded so as to allow of slight variation from that course, should occasion require it, and well it was so, for the Viaduct had been constructed directly across the contemplated path, presenting a serious obstruction to be overcome. One of the new projects was to extend the street from the easterly line of Norwich street in a southerly direction to the westerly corner of Union and Mechanic streets, then by taking land on the northerly side to make Mechanic street sixty feet in width from this point to Summer street.

Another was to extend Foster street to the westerly terminus of Manchester street, crossing Union street at grade, a few feet above its present bed, and widening Manchester street by taking land on the southerly side, passing under the Viaduct and joining Summer street just south of the Mission Chapel.

With so many projects before them, the board of Aldermen could not agree on any one, and it was intimated that the disinclination of some of the board to building the street had something to do with multiplying the number of projects presented; at all events, the friends of the petition seemed to understand that a large majority of the members of the city government would not build the street until compelled to do so, and they at once applied to the Supreme Court for a writ of Mandamus commanding the city to proceed with the work. The case was argued in Boston, Dec. 16, 1876, before Hon. Horace Gray, Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, who issued a writ commanding the city to proceed with the work without unnecessary delay or show cause to the contrary thereof. This writ was returnable on the third Saturday of January, 1877, a copy of which was served on each member of the city council, Dec. 18, 1876, by the late Deputy Sheriff, Ransom M. Gould. Of course it was quite impossible to construct a street in the dead of winter, so the ground was left undisturbed, but Dec. 25th, the board of Aldermen passed an order notifying the railroad corporations using the discontinued locations between Park and Front streets to cease using the present tracks after the service of this order, and requested the city to cause a copy of the order to be served forthwith on the Worcester and Nashua, and Norwich and Worcester Railroad companies. The corporations discontinued running regular trains over this portion of their road, but occasionally a freight train was to be seen feeling its way along this forbidden path until Nov. 12, 1877, when an order passed the city government, instructing the Commissioner of Highways and the Commissioners of Public Grounds, under the direction of the committee on highways, to remove the railroad tracks from the Common, Mechanic, Front and Park streets, the expense to be charged to the corporations owning the rails. The late David F. Parker, then commissioner of highways, began the execution of this order Nov. 21, three days being consumed in the work.

Thus was the Old Common relieved from the obnoxious iron band, of which thirty-seven years ago Worcester people were so proud and boastful. January 15th, 1877, an order passed the Council instructing the city solicitor to go to Boston Jan. 20th, for the purpose of getting the time for working Foster street extended to April 15th, saying that the Aldermen were anxious to lay out the street. In order that the Court might witness their good intentions, they, Feb. 9th, requested the city engineer to show a plan of some proposed changes to be made in the location of the street, and also voted to view the location, which they did. Feb. 12th an order was passed directing the city engineer to report a decree locating and establishing the extension of Foster street in accordance with Sec. 22 of Chapter 343 of the Acts of 1871. Five days later a special meeting of the board of Aldermen was called to take action in regard to matters relating to this street, at which time, Feb. 17th, an order was passed authorizing the Mayor in behalf of the board to concur with the relators in the petition for mandamus now pending in Court, or with the Council in obtaining legislation necessary to allow the construction of the extension of Foster street, substantially as provided by the plan submitted by Messrs. Barnard and Nelson; which was to construct the street on the present location, although it contemplated entering the hallowed resting place of the dead, breaking the solemn seal of the tomb, and scattering the sacred ashes upon the dilapidated thoroughfares of our city, to be trodden under the busy feet of kindred and friends; yet the work must go on, a beginning at least must be made. At the next meeting which was held March 10th, a petition appeared in the board of Aldermen requesting that the board insist that there be inserted in the bill relating to the construction of Foster street, a provision that the Mayor and Aldermen shall accept the Act before it shall be binding on the city, and also that they shall not be obliged to construct the street within a year from the time the law shall be passed. The ingenuity of nearly every member of the board, and that of our able city Solicitor, was taxed to devise some way by which the work might be delayed for a time, hoping that in some way relief might come to dissolve the obligation that was forcing upon the city the performance of such an

expensive piece of work, and one so little likely to prove remunerative. Action on petitions and orders were alike indefinitely postponed, but the mandamus of the Supreme Court was confronting every member of the city government. Special meetings were called to discuss the perplexing subject, but procrastination seemed to hover over the official chamber. Authority was given the Mayor and city Solicitor to employ experts to assist in making estimates of the probable cost of the several routes proposed. April 15th came and went, and a second time the command of the Court had been evaded. May 7th an order was passed allowing the use of the tracks on the common while the bridge on Foster street extension was building, and at the same meeting the city Engineer was instructed to submit plans for the upper and lower grades of the proposed street, and an order passed at a meeting held May 21st fixing June 18th as the time for a hearing, requesting all parties interested in the extension of this street, to be present. At the appointed time the engineer submitted his report which was laid on the table. A member of the board of Aldermen then arose and created no little sensation among those present by offering a protest against any and all plans proposed for the extension of the street. After several persons had plainly expressed themselves in the matter, the meeting adjourned for one week. June 25th came and the hearing was resumed. A petition from the citizens was presented asking that the street be constructed at *low* grade, and promptly a motion was made to construct it at *high* grade, which was lost, and an order to build at *low* grade was adopted. July 2d the decree was adopted and placed on file. July 16th the decree was again considered, certain written amendments proposed, and again laid on the table. August 1st the subject was resumed, the amendments agreed to and a motion made to further amend by changing from the *low* to the *high* grade, which motion prevailed, and the decree as amended was adopted. August 21st another petition was presented asking that the street be constructed on the same grade with Union street; this, together with the one presented July 25th were, on Sept. 3d, referred to the committee on highways, who subsequently reported to refer them to the next city government. An order was passed in the

board of Aldermen Sept. 3d requesting the committee on finance to report what sum of money it would be necessary to raise to construct this street. This order did not reach the lower board until the meeting on Sept. 17th when it was at once laid on the table. Oct. 1st a communication from Hon. D. Waldo Lincoln relating to the removal of the Old Passenger Station on Foster street was read in the board of Aldermen which served to remind them of an obligation not yet performed, and the following order was passed: "Ordered, that Foster street extension be constructed according to the decree of this board laying out said extension, adopted in pursuance of the legal obligations imposed upon this board by the statute of 1877, chapter 152, and to cause the removal of all the human remains from that part of Mechanic street Burying Ground within the location of Foster street." At the next meeting, held Oct. 15th, the vote whereby this order was adopted was rescinded, and another authorizing the construction of the street forthwith was was laid on the table; and Oct. 29th a motion to take this order from the table was rejected.

Again the guardians of Foster street extension apply to the Court to compel the building of the street, and at a meeting of the city council held Nov. 12th, 1877, a writ of mandamus from the Supreme Court was received and referred to the city solicitor, who at the following meeting, Nov. 26th, reported the following ingenious answer to the process requiring the authorities to appear before the Court in Boston, to show cause why a writ of mandamus should not be issued compelling them to build the street: "Now come the Mayor and Aldermen of the city of Worcester, and admit the passage of the Act of the Legislature and the decree passed by this board, as petitioner alleges, but these respondents say, that said Act of the Legislature and the decree of this board thereunder are unconstitutional and void; and these respondents further say that since the passage of said Act and the decree of this board locating said street, they have not unreasonably and unnecessarily neglected and refused to construct said extension of said street, but say they have proceeded with due diligence in the matter, and that no writ of mandamus ought to issue against this board, and this board further say, that it is impossible to complete said street this season,

and in the opinon of this board the interest of the parties concerned require that no action shall be taken in the construction of said street until next April."

At this same meeting, a petition signed by nearly three hundred residents of the city was presented, asking for the extension of Waldo street to Front street, the widening of Mechanic street, and such legislative action procured as would relieve the city from extending Foster street. This petition was placed on file, and a vote passed to insert an article in the Warrant for the city election so that a vote might be taken on the question of instructing the Mayor and Aldermen to petition the General Court to relieve the city from building the street. The 8th of Dec., 1877, found the defenders of the extension solicitous as to the result of their scheme. A question had arisen, whether or not the Common Council should be recognized as a party in interest in dealing with the Court, for no appropriation of money to construct the street, could be made without the assistance of that branch of the city government. The supporters of the extension with their able counsel were present, and a sub-committee from the board of Aldermen appointed to confer with them. An agreement was made to the end that the city solicitor should go with them to the Court and have the point settled at once.

Dec. 15th the committee on elections reported to the board of Aldermen that a majority of all the votes cast on the question of Foster street extension were in favor of instructing the Mayor and Aldermen to petition the Legislature, to be relieved from building said street, but the Court had decreed otherwise, and the voice of the people was not to be heeded. At the next meeting, held Dec. 24th, a peremptory writ of mandamus from the Supreme Court was served on the city council, commanding them to complete this extension before the fifteenth day of May next. January 21st, 1878, a petition from E. D. Cheney and others was received asking the Mayor and Aldermen to petition the Legislature for relief in the matter, which was referred to a joint special committee, and at the same meeting an order was passed in Common Council directing the Mayor and Aldermen to ask for a repeal of Chapter 152 of the Acts of 1877, in accordance with the vote of the city at the annual election in December.

but on reaching the board of Aldermen the order was indefinitely postponed, at a meeting held July 4th, 1878. The joint special committee to whom was referred the petition of E. D. Cheney and others, made two reports. The majority report recommended granting the prayer of the petitionérs, while the minority report recommended leave to withdraw. Each board adhered to their actions, and a committee of conference was appointed. An order was passed in the upper board authorizing the Mayor to petition the Legislature to amend chapter 152 of the Acts of 1877, in order that the viaduct bridge over Mechanic street might be built with three spans. At the next meeting, held Feb. 18th, the committee of conference reported that they were unable to agree, which report was adopted. April 15th an order to borrow $100,000, with which to construct Foster street, passed the board of Aldermen, but was rejected in the council. The upper branch also passed orders to commence work on the proposed extension, and for the removal of all buildings from the location of the street. April 22, 1878, after more than two months had been consumed, the committee of conference reported, recommending that the council recede from its former action, and concur with the board of Aldermen in passing the order to borrow the $100,000.

It is evident that this street was to be built solely through compulsion by law. Members of the board of Aldermen sustained the measure only through a sense of legal obligation, not from their own best judgment, and the Council was nearly unanimous in opposition to the matter, but the Courts could no longer be trifled with, and the prospect of a rest at our fashionable boarding house on Summer street awaited the opponents; further delay was dangerous, and under legal advice all opposition ceased. Orders were passed to commence the work immediately, and April 22, 1878, the Highway Commissioner, the late David F. Parker, was instructed to proceed to construct Foster street, from Worcester Bank Block as far as the Mechanic street Burial Ground; also to bridge over Union street; estimated expense, $2,000. May 27th, the Committee on Highways made a report on the petitions that came down to them from the committee of the previous year, to work the street at low grade, that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners should be granted,

but owing to the Legislative Act establishing the grade as now decreed by the board of Aldermen, "the committee cannot see how it can be changed at this time." The order was passed June 10th instructing the Commissioner to construct the remaining portion of the street, from Mr. William Dickenson's land to Summer street. Estimated expense, $18,700.

Thus terminated a long and tedious struggle of nearly ten years' duration, involving the removal of Railroad Depots and tracks, and the construction of a street: having no parallel in the history of Worcester, and perhaps not in the Commonwealth, either for its magnitude or trifling compensation for the outlay. The street was completed Thursday, July 31st, 1870, just within the time limited by law, to save the betterment assessments, that being two years from the date of the adoption of the decree, which took place August 1st, 1877. Mayor Pratt understood that the work would be completed one day earlier, and called the board of Aldermen together Wednesday evening, when the assessments were made, but Mr. Wm. Dickinson, one of the parties assessed, having an eye to business, found a gang of men at work on the street Thursday morning and took their names, knowing that an assessment made before the completion of the street was illegal, quite likely enjoying the good joke he had gained on the city fathers, and perhaps thinking that his $2,250 betterment tax would be easily settled. But the Mayor, who is never slow at seeing points, discovered the mistake and called a meeting Thursday evening when a new assessment was made in conformity to the letter of the law.

The whole scheme as brought out at the hearing before the Legislative committee on railways and bridges, in Boston, involved the removal of all railroad tracks from the location they occupied within the following bounds: Beginning on the south at Madison street, and extending to the easterly side of Union street on the north; on the west, from Norwich street to the easterly side of Bridge street on the east, necessitating the abandonment of Foster street Station, also the removal of the Norwich and Worcester freight depot to the south, below Madison street; the tunnelling of Grafton, Franklin and Green streets, where they intersect with the railroad tracks; and it was claimed

by its advocates that the entire cost outside of the construction of the Union Depot would be $592,000; and that $406,000 could be realized from the sale of land released by the change, which would leave the net cost of the entire plan $186,000, which was to cover the expense of the several railroads in reaching the Union Station, with Grafton, Franklin and Green streets passing under the tracks, and the freight business of the Norwich and Worcester railroad corporation removed south of Madison street. This certainly was a desirable thing to accomplish. It created a pleasing but delusive sound in the ears of the people, and looked well on paper. Foster street was then in embryo, and no figures were shown for that work at this time.

A large share of the original plan has not been carried out. The underground passages have not been built, and the Norwich and Worcester freight depot still occupies its old position, to the great annoyance of many citizens in the vicinity of the junction of Myrtle and Southbridge streets. The omission of this part of the plan has saved $472,000 of the estimated expense, and but $120,000 remains to be compared with the sum of $301,000, the actual cost. To this may be added the expense of constructing the viaduct and Foster street extension, two items subjoined to the original bill before its final passage by the Legislature.

I will now give you the figures showing the amount of expense this grand scheme has caused the community, and leave you to say whether or not it has been a wise and economical investment.

Cash paid Attorneys	$ 3,059.58
" " Dinners in Boston,	264,00
" " Reporting Hearings,	230,50
Plans,	1,500,00
Sundries,	2,561,17
Cost of re-grading Common.	500,00
Foster Street,	140,392,92
Railroad connections with Union Depot,	220,000,00
Viaduct,	350,000,00
Union Depot.	800,000,00
Total,	$1,518,508,17

ELLERY B. CRANE, Chairman.

The Department to which has been referred such matters as relate to Ancient Manuscripts, Publications and Engravings, with authority to report thereon, is not prepared to present extended remarks upon either branch of its designated labor. The material with which this Department has to deal cannot be collected without effort. Many persons regard an Old Manuscript as the cheapest kind of trash, and lose no time in destroying all that come in their way. Old Books are sought for by only a few, and the demand has been so small in years past that the amount collected and preserved is insignificant compared with those destroyed.

Libraries hereafter established will not be likely to contain many books, now more than two hundred years old, perhaps not any printed in this country. The Bay Psalm-Book, New England Primer and William Bradford's Almanac, were early printed in this country, and have become so scarce that no public library can afford to own a copy of either, if purchased at such prices as some have been sold for. The Psalm-Book is said to be worth from $1,200 to $2,000. Some of the early European publications are also very scarce. A copy of the celebrated folio, known as the "Mazarin Bible," supposed to have been printed in 1450-1455, by Gutenberg and Faust, was sold in this country for $2,600. These facts are stated to show the importance of securing and preserving old books. In early times only small editions were printed, but their great cost made them objects of special care, which accounts for the existence of a very few copies printed in the fifteenth century. To own a book at that time was to possess a fortune, and this fact alone has had much to do with their preservation. If tin peddlers, junk dealers and paper mills had been as common and ferocious as they now are, the rarest specimens of early printing would have needed still better protection than the fact that they were valuable.

The art of printing and book making is now so common as to make it seem almost improbable that it had to be invented any

more than a tree or a blade of grass. But when we appeal to history for enlightenment upon this subject, we shall find that this great civilizer of races, and the benefactor of man, is of modern origin; and were it possible to imagine the result of blotting out every trace of the Printing Press for a thousand years to come, we might in some measure compute the value of this wonderful art, and the changes it has wrought in the affairs of mankind during the last four hundred years.

It is true that the Chinese method of Block Printing, which still prevails in that country, was employed at an early period, and came into general use previous to the tenth century; but the peculiar condition of the people and their disposition not to communicate with other nations, made it unnecessary, for the benefit of commerce, that their language should be read or spoken by foreigners, or that their printed works should be circulated beyond the borders of the Celestial Empire. The Yankee had not then been discovered; otherwise the art of printing would not have existed four hundred years in China, elsewhere unknown. Their printing, however, was not done by pressure, but the ink was in the form of powder and distributed over the type by means of a brush; and a similar implement or a hand pad was used to cause the ink to adhere to the paper. This Society has in its possession a complete apparatus, including the block type, for Chinese printing. Printing was carried on in this rude way more than four hundred years before movable types and pressure were employed.

It is claimed that Laurens Coster, of Haarlem, North Holland, was the inventor of movable types, in 1423, and that this important discovery was made by accident. Coster was a Dutch artizan, born in 1370, a man much given to study and retirement. One day he had sought quiet and rest in the Haarlem wood, not far from his residence. While there he amused himself by cutting the letters of his own name from the bark of a beech tree. These letters were properly arranged on a sheet of paper, whereupon Coster fell asleep. He awoke surprised and alarmed to find a distinct impression of his name upon the paper. He continued his experiments and established a printing office. His workmen were sworn not to divulge his great secret, but one of

them, Johann Gutenberg, stole his types and made good his escape to Mentz, a fortified city, now about the size of Worcester, situated on the left bank of the Rhine, in Germany, where he established printing. From this press and others established about the same time at Mentz, have been issued some of the earliest prints known in Europe. The art was kept a secret till the sacking of Mentz, in 1462, when the printers were scattered and the business soon established in other countries.

Books printed previous to A. D. 1500 are now seldom to be met with among dealers or in private libraries; and when such can be obtained at reasonable prices by any member of this Society, the purchase will not be a bad investment. There has been an opportunity during the last fifty years for a Society like ours to secure a more rare and valuable collection of ancient books than can be found in this State at the present time; but the golden age for such work has passed by unimproved.

The four hundredth anniversary of the introduction of the art of printing into England was celebrated by what is known as the "Caxton Exhibition," opened on the thirtieth day of June and closed on the first day of September, 1877. This exhibition was held at South Kensington, where a large number of ancient prints were allowed to be examined by the public. Special pains was taken to make a grand display of Bibles, but there were only three with authenticated dates out of 840 older than our copy of Cicero, and only seven books in the entire collection bearing an earlier date. But in that exhibition was a copy of the first book printed on movable metal type, the "Mazarin Bible," now more properly called the "Gutenberg Bible," the printing of which extended over a period of five years, 1450-1455. When this book was printed, Gutenberg and Faust were in company, but when the work was completed the partnership was dissolved and Faust by a suit at law obtained most of the material for moneys anvanced while this great work was being printed.

Another Bible was on exhibition, printed on the 30th of June, 1877, at Oxford, bound in London, sixty-three miles away, and placed in the exhibition building within twelve consecutive hours. This Bible was printed on movable minion type, contains 1052 16 mo. pages, bound in Turkey morocco, beveled boards, flexible

back, gilt-lettered with the arms of the Oxford University in gold. Only 100 copies were printed, and 101 persons were employed in the binding. At the opening of the exhibition, June 30th, 1877, Mr. Gladstone in his address spoke as follows:—

"I now call attention in a few words to the progress of this art, and I hold up a volume in my hand to which I beg every one to direct his eye, because I think it may be called the climax and consumation of the art of printing. This volume is bound, as you see, and stamped with the arms of the Univer, sity of Oxford. It is a Bible bound in a manner that commends itself to the reader; I believe in every respect an excellent piece of workmanship, containing more than one thousand pages. Well, you will say, 'That is very commonplace, why bring it before us?' I do so in order to tell you that the materials of this book sixteen hours ago did not exist. The book was not bound, it was not folded, it was not printed. Since the clock struck twelve last night at the University Press in Oxford the people there have printed and sent us this book to be distributed here in the midst of your festival. They have sent several copies, one of which will be presented to the Emperor of Brazil, who has but just left our table. This shows what can be done, and is what has been done, and it shows the state to which this great art is now happily arrived."

This country has been favored with a few copies of this remarkable edition, sent to persons and institutions as follows:—

v To James Lenox, Esq., for the Lenox Library, New York.
xi To Hon. Stephen Salisbury, for the American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts.
xiii To Ex-President General and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant.
xvii To the Library of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston.
xxxviii To the Library of the American Bible Society, New York.
xli To Mrs. John Carter Brown, Providence, R. I.
xliv To J. Hammond Trumbull, LL.D. for the Watkinson Library, Hartford, Connecticut, N. E.
lvi To the Library of Congress, Washington, U. S. A.
lxv To the Library Company, Philadelphia, Penn.
lxxxiii To the Library of Harvard University, Cambridge, N. E.
xcii To Chancellor J. V. L. Pruyn, for the New York State Library, Albany N. Y.
xcv To the Library of Yale College, New Haven Connecticut, N. E.
xcviii To the Newberry Library, Chicago.

On the 25th day of December, 1878, this edition had been disposed of except 34 copies, forty-three having been placed in private hands. Some of these are liable to be offered for sale at a future time, and the society or individual who obtains one may well be proud of the acquisition. The well known circumstances under which this edition was printed, together with the limited number issued, made it scarce and valuable from the day of its publication. There are other publications not supposed to be rare or valuable, for the reason that the number first printed is not known, and yet there may be less than a dozen copies extant.

Whoever obtains a book with the positive knowledge that it is the only one in existence need not be particular about its cost. Scarcity, not age, is what adds most to the value of a book, as a general rule; though the fact that a book is very old implies that it *may* be scarce. The number of books printed for each edition will become more of a study than it ever has been, and by virtue of knowledge thus obtained the prices of old books will in a great measure be fixed; and catalogues will not only give the date and number of pages, but what is more important than either, the number of copies printed.

CLARK JILLSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON RELICS, COINS AND CURIOSITIES.

The circle of the sun has again brought us to the threshold of a new year, and we are called upon to report of the sheaves which have been gathered and garnered up for the benefit of those who shall come after us. Friends and members of our Society have had our Department in remembrance since our last report. Many valuable relics have been presented, interesting to us and all those who look upon such things of the past as treasures to be diligently gathered up and preserved with care and veneration. I desire to call the attention of each and every member of this Department to the work we have in hand, and trust each in his place will enter upon the new year with the resolve to gather up something worthy of being placed in our Department before its close. It would be a pleasant task at our next annual Report, to be able to name the good work done by every member of this Department. "Let us be up and doing while the day lasts, for the night cometh when no man can work." Among the special and curious articles presented the following may be mentioned:—

Comstock, James R.—A section of one of the screws that pressed, in the cider mill of Capt. Daniel Brown, a cheese weighing 1450 pounds, the gift of the people of Cheshire, Berkshire County, Mass., to Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States, presented to him by Rev John Leland, Jan. 1, 1802. See Holland's "Western Massachusetts." Presented to the Society through Samuel Smith Esq., of this city.

Crane, Ellery B.—13 photographic views of relics in the Di Cesnola collection in New York City.

Forehand, Sullivan.—A small Cannon Ball, formerly in possession of Old John Brown, and left by him at Allen & Wheelock's Firearms establishment in Worcester as a pattern.

Howe, W. B.—11 Medals—heads of distinguished men, 2 of Washington.

Jillson, Hon. Clark.—One brass Warming Pan, one iron Bread Toaster, one Pod Auger 150 years old, samples of old State and Colonial Currency, string of Sleigh Bells, formerly owned by Samuel Slater of Webster Mass.

Ketchum, Rev. Silas.—6 Mineral Specimens from Old Newgate Prison Mine, Simsbury Conn., Ancient Hammer used by the prisoners at the Old Newgate Prison, Wrought Nails made by the prisoners; a cup made from timber of the house of George Little, Newbury, Mass., 1679, the ancestor

of the Little family in America; 10 miscellaneous Coins and autograph of Thomas Jefferson.

Lawrence, E. R.—Indian Arrow and Spear Points.

Lee, Pardon A.—Ancient Candle Molds, pair of ancient wooden Cooper's Dividers.

Lewis, Wm. D.—One Looking-glass, known to be over 200 years old. It was once owned by a Mrs. Stetson who for some years after the American Revolution kept a fashionable boarding house in Boston, at or near what is now the corner of Park and Beacon streets. When Lafayette visited Boston, in 1784, he stayed at this house, and as the glass was in the room room he occupied, his toilet was probably made before it. Many years ago this glass came into the possession of Mr. Elizabeth S. Lewis, a descendant of Mrs. Stetson. Mrs. Lewis, the mother of the donor, died in Worcester in 1879.

Marshall, E. H.—Relics from the ruins of Fort Ticonderoga.

Merriam, Olin L.—An Indian Skull from Warren, Mass.

Phelps, Henry.—Two Muskets, two Cartridge Boxes and cartridges, taken from rebel soldiers at the battle of Roanoake Island. One of these muskets has a flint lock, and is stamped on the barrel, "19th Regiment, city of Richmond." These relics were sent to me by Col. Moulton of the 25th Mass Vols.

Phillips, Rev. George W.—Piece of the house of Roger Williams, also piece of tree brought from England about 1625, described in Draper's "Nooks and Corners of the New England Coast," page 138.

Prentice, Mrs. Charles.—Articles in common use a century ago, viz: a Lady's Work-bag, an ancient Mirror Holder, Needle Case, Shoe Buckle, Gloves &c., also an Indian Scraping Knife.

Rogers, C. H.—14 Photographic Views of Relics in Pilgrim Hall, Plymouth Mass.

Russell, John E.—An Aztec Pot from Masaga, Nicaragua; Waterloo Medal bearing the name of "James Kirmin, 18th Regiment Hussars;" Spanish Cross Dollar, 1734; Pistareen, a coin of Carlos III., 1711.; Central American Quartillo, equal to 2 1-2 cents.

Smith, John G.—A Buckle taken from a confederate soldier at the battle of Cedar Mountain, Va., also a relic from the Old Indian Fort, at Northborough, Mass.

Sprague, Gen. A. B. R.—Numerous pieces of Colonial Currency.

Wilder, Harvey B.—A Musket captured from the rebels at the battle of Roanoake Island, Feb. 8, 1862, by the 25th Regiment Mass. Vols.

HENRY PHELPS, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of
The Worcester Society of Antiquity.

Gentlemen :— In accordance with the requirements of your By-Laws, I herewith submit this my fourth Annual Report, showing the Receipts and Expenditures of the Society, from January 7th, to December 2d, 1879, as follows :—

Cash Received.		Cash Paid.	
1879.	*Dr.*	*1879.*	*Cr.*
Assessments,	$144,00	Rent,	$112,50
Admission Fees,	34,00	Newspaper & Station'ry,	28,20
Donations,	205,52	Gas,	10,30
Sale of Proceedings,	12,73	Printing,	22,86
Proceeds of Lectures,	41,01	Book & Pamphlet cov'rs,	17,75
Tem'y Loan of Treas.,	16,68	Note & loan of Treas.,	262,33
	$453,94		$453,94

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. SMITH, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHIES.

Your Committee on Biography respectfully report that they have received thus far only half a dozen biographies of members of this Society which are preserved until such time as enough other members respond to our repeated appeals to allow of their collection in a permanent volume, as has been from the first intended.

Your Committee are, still, notwithstanding their present slow success, fully convinced of the importance of such a collection and preservation of biographical material as was contemplated in their appointment, and unless they are superceded by the appointment of others, will continue to urge upon their fellows in the Society an early personal attention to our especial department.

Your Committee report that one of its members, Rev. T. E. St. John, has left the city, and to suggest that the vacancy thus caused in the committee be filled.

Respectfully,

HENRY L. SHUMWAY,
For the Com.

Worcester, Dec. 1, 1879.

THE AMERICAN TRAITOR.

The crimes of this unprincipled conspirator are thus summed up. Treason, avarice, hypocricy, ingratitude, barbarity, falsehood, deception, peculation and robbery. He aimed to plunge a dagger into the bosom of his country, which had raised him from the obscurity in which he was born, to honors which never could have been the object even of his hopes. He robbed his country at the time of her deepest distress, having directed his wife to draw all she could from the commissaries' stores, and sell or store it, though at a time when the army was destitute of provisions. He robbed the soldiers when they were in want of necessaries and defrauded his own best friends who trusted and had rendered him the most essential services.. He spoke contemptuously of our allies, the French, and his illiberal abuse of every character opposed to his fraudulent and wicked transactions, exceeds all description. For the sake of human nature it were to be wished that a veil could forever be thrown over such a vile example of depravity and wickedness. Yet this is the man on whom the British bestowed ten thousand pounds sterling as the price of his treason, and appointed to the rank of brigadier general in their service. It could scarcely be imagined that there was an officer of honor left in that army, who would debase himself and his commission by serving under or ranking with Benedict Arnold.

In January, 1781, Arnold was by Sir Henry Clinton invested with the command of one thousand seven hundred men, supported by a naval force, on an expedition to Virginia, where he committed extensive ravages on the rivers and along the unprotected coast, plundering the plantations to the extent of his power. According to report, he shipped off a cargo of negroes, which he had stolen, to Jamaica, and sold them for his own emolument. Having taken an American captain prisoner, he inquired of him what the Americans would do with him if he should fall into their hands; the officer replied, they would cut off the leg that was wounded at Saratoga and bury it with the honors of war, and hang the remainder of his body on a gibbet. In September,

1781, Arnold was again vested with a command and sent on a predatory expedition against New London, in Connecticut, his native state. After taking possession of the fort, they made a merciless slaughter of the men who defended it, and destroyed an immense quantity of provision, stores and shipping; sixty dwelling houses and eighty-four stores were destroyed, and about one hundred inhabitants were deprived of their habitations, and most of them of their all. This terminated the career of this monster of wickedness in America. At the close of the war, he accompanied the royal army to England.

"The contempt that followed him through life," says a distinguished writer, "is further illustrated by the speech of Lord Lauderdale, who, perceiving Arnold on the right hand of the king, and near his person, as he addressed his parliament, declared, on his return to the commons, that however gracious the language he had heard from the throne, his indignation could not but be highly excited, at beholding as he had done, his majesty supported by a traitor." "And on another occasion, Lord Surry, since duke of Norfolk, rising to speak in the house of commons, and perceiving Arnold in the gallery, sat down, with precipitation, exclaiming, 'I will not speak while that man,' pointing to him, 'is in the house.'"

He purchased in England a quantity of goods which he brought over to New Brunswick; the store and goods took fire, and the whole were consumed; but according to report, they were insured to a much greater amount than their real value. After this event no further laurels remained for him to achieve; he recrossed the Atlantic, and died in London, June 14th, 1801.

Thatcher's Revolutionary Annals.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of
the Worcester Society of Antiquity.

As Librarian I would respectfully present the following report:

As becomes my duty under instruction from the Executive Committee, I have forwarded to members, active, corresponding and honorary, to individuals and societies, copies of our publications as follows: 7 copies No. I.; 5 copies No. II.; 8 copies No. III.; 6 copies No. IV.; 109 copies No. V.; 54 copies No. VI. An extra publication was issued in the month of October, viz: Early Records of the Town of Worcester, 1722–1739, Book I. and numbered VI. of our publications. Copies were furnished at a nominal price to such active members as subscribed for them, and a copy was forwarded to each honorary and corresponding member, and to each society upon our exchange list. The second volume of the Early Records which is to be numbered VIII. is now passing through the press and will probably be ready for distribution in the coming spring. The Proceedings of the Society for the year 1879 which will be numbered VII. are also in press and will be issued early in the coming year.

The contributions to the Society have been numerous and valuable, as will be seen by reference to the detailed report annexed. Not only is this the case in respect to books and publications generally, but especially so in respect to contributions to the

collection of relics, manuscripts, engravings &c. Such a generous appreciation on the part of the public renders the securing of more commodious quarters an immediate necessity.

There have been added to the Library during the past year, 487 bound volumes, 1062 pamphlets, 530 magazines, besides manuscripts, prints, engravings, papers, portraits &c. The total number of bound volumes now in the Library is 1325; pamphlets, 4342.

Some friendly criticism has been made respecting the name of our organization which appears to be founded upon an apprehension of what may occur in the future rather than upon anything that has occurred in the past. The fear has been expressed by some that the supposed similarity of the names, The American Antiquarian Society, and The Worcester Society of Antiquity, might tend to confusion in the minds of many, which would result in inconvenience to both societies. As your Librarian I do not share such apprehension. The name "The Worcester Society of Antiquity" was chosen after much careful thought on the part of those having the matter under consideration, special attention being given to the selection of a name bearing no resemblance to that of any other organization. The object sought seems to have been accomplished, the only approach to a similarity of names so far as my knowledge extends being that of a Lodge of Antiquity in London. Judging the future by the past it seems safe to say that no confusion will result. The American Antiquarian Society after over sixty years of almost unparalleled prosperity has acquired a name known to all who are interested in the objects for which such societies are formed. With quite an extensive correspondence with individuals and societies both in America and England, no case of conflict or inconvenience arising from this source has come to my knowledge. The fact of two societies with objects kindred to each other existing in the same city under whatever name either might choose to adopt, might possibly be considered as perplexing by correspondents neglecting to exercise due care; but happily we have been free from embarrassments of this nature. But should any confusion ever exist, it would be a fact to be lamented, for neither society would seriously consider the matter of a change in the

name under which it had become known and had achieved a degree of greater or less prosperity.

Among the volumes received during the past year is a copy of Winthrop Sargent's life of Major Andre, published in Boston, 1861. The receipt of this volume at this time near the close of the century since his death and when the air is full of suggestions as to the manner in which the American people can best pay tribute to his memory, calls to mind an instance of the most glaring inconsistency and ingratitude on the part of those who inherit the blessings for which a noble self sacrifice was made. It is one of the objects for which we gather here from time to time to endeavor so far as in us lies to correct historic injustice and error, and to render honor where honor is due; and may truth and justice be our foundation stone regardless of considerations of birth, family or romantic surroundings,

There are few pages in history more replete with romance and heroic adventure than that upon which is recorded the struggle for American Independence. The times, when men who had been long under tyrannical domination were beginning to inquire whether after all they were not capable of taking charge of their own interests and political destiny; the self reliance of the people born and bred to encounter hardships and dangers many and varied; the country with its sparseness of population and diversified natural scenery; the character of the contest involving the eternal principle of right against wrong were alike favorable to the development of a spirit of adventurous daring in which youthful ardor and patriotism encountered perils of the sternest order. An atmosphere of freshness and purity seems to surround the youthful soldier who performs a gallant deed, but when an intense conviction of right in a just cause, a love of country which knows no limit, is the main-spring which prompts him to perilous undertakings, the human heart readily responds with an enthusiasm which renders the name of him who performs such deeds immortal. In a contest in which inexperience contended with discipline, poverty with wealth, weakness with strength, the courage and fortitude of him who eagerly and heartily cast his lot with the weaker side still further enhances the charm which surrounds him.

It is my purpose in this report to compare and contrast, in a somewhat hurried manner, the manliness, fortitude, heroism and patriotism of one of the noblest spirits of this contest, to whom history has been chary of her favors, with like qualities possessed to some extent by one engaged on the opposite side in the conflict, and also the manner in which they met their tragic fates. It is not my purpose to attempt to add to or detract from the glory of the one or the other, but while poet, bard and historian, both English and American, have filled the world with the praises of the one, justice and right demand that generations for whom the self sacrifice of the other was made, should see to it that his memory fades not but be kept green forever. And while I may not be able to present any new features pertaining to their lives and deaths, yet in the gathering of a few stray threads and weaving them into one fabric, an hour may not be spent in vain.

The year preceding the breaking out of the War of the American Revolution, in 1775, found two persons of superior education,talents and accomplishments, just at the threshold of early manhood, the one in the old, the other in the new world. Possessing in many particulars characteristics of striking similarity in their youth, mental endowments, personal attractions and high aspirations, they were destined to present in their future careers in the parts they assumed, and in their deaths still further points of resemblance. But notwithstanding the many parallel traits which ran through their lives we shall find upon a closer examination that their characters and moving springs of action were as widely different as light from darkness, and as far apart as the poles; the one seeking self-glory, the other sinking self in his love of country and the rights of man; and yet the one has received from the world the meed of praise far beyond his merits, the other has received comparative forgetfulness, and his memory has barely escaped oblivion. Surely, we as Americans, are prone to adopt a sickly magnanimity and throw around an unfortunate for the mantle of a distorted charity, flattering ourselves with the belief that we thus prove that the millenium is about to dawn, that the hatred and bitterness of war are buried beneath the increasing brotherhood of mankind. While a suggestion has been made to erect a monument in this country in

memory of Major John André, let those who believe that oppression is wrong and resistance to oppression is a sacred cause see to it that some small measure of honor and gratitude is awarded to the memory of Nathan Hale, the "Martyr Spy." Shame on us if we forget his noble self sacrifice.

It is a sad commentary on the justice of history that the life character and death of Hale have been so nearly overlooked and forgotten, and that especially by the historians of his own country. If we as a people cannot duly honor those to whom we are indebted for the blessings of liberty in a country free from kingly interference, need we go out of our way to pay tribute to the memory of one who played a prominent part in the endeavor to enslave us, actuated not by high and lofty purposes, but by hopes of reward and personal advancement? Surely it staggers our faith in the recording muse when we reflect that neither Marshall, Ramsay, Gordon, Butler, Graham nor Botta have one word to say concerning him.* Bancroft touches him most hurriedly, while Hildreth in the briefest mention does him an injustice which facts do not seem to warrant, in attributing to him an embarrassment which betrayed him to his captors. Hannah Adams and Holmes in his Annals have brief sketches of his life, and Washington Irving pays passing tribute to to his worth and his sacrifice. Some popular school histories merely allude to his fate while for the most part they are silent. Lossing alludes to him in a foot note to which is added this statement: "The name of this youthful patriot martyr appears luminous on the pages of our country's history." Were this statement not made in all seriousness, it would seem the perfection of sarcasm.

The ancestry† of Nathan Hale is traced back to the Hales of Kent in England, as early at least as the reign of Edward III. Nicholas Hales then resided at Hales place, Halden, Kent. His son Sir Robert Hales was Prior of the Knights of St. John

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* A small volume entitled Life of Captain Nathan Hale, The Martyr Spy of the American Revolution, by I. W. Stuart, was published in Hartford in 1856. To this volume I am indebted for some of the facts pertaining to Hale.

† For some of the facts in relation to the ancestry of Nathan Hale, I am indebted to a Genealogy of the Family of Capt. Nathan Hale, by Rev. Edward E. Hale, of Boston.

and Lord High Treasurer of England. He was murdered by Wat Tyler's mob on Tower Hill in 1381. To the same Kent family of Hales belonged Sir James Hales, whose suicide by drowning led to the case of Dame Hales which is commented on by the clowns in Hamlet. In 1632, Robert Hale arrived in the Massachusetts Colony, and was one of those set off from the first church in Boston to form the first church in Charlestown in the same year, and of this church he was a deacon. Among his children was John Hale who graduated at Harvard in 1657. He became the first minister of Beverly and remained in this charge till his death. He was a chaplain in the New England Expedition to Canada in 1690; was taken prisoner but soon released. He afterwards took part in the witchcraft delusion of 1692 and participated in the religious exercises at the trials of the accused, and approved of the judicial measures. But when Mrs. Hale was accused of witchcraft he banished the delusion, men's eyes were opened and the tide turned. His Modest Inquiry into the Nature of Witchcraft was published in 1702, indicating the change in his views. His account of the witchcraft delusion was made use of by Cotton Mather in his Magnalia.

The fourth child of Rev. John Hale was Samuel, who settled in Newbury, in that part known as Newburyport. His oldest child was Richard, who removed early in life to Coventry, Connecticut, where he married Elizabeth Strong, a lady of most estimable character, pure and lovely in all the relations of life. Among their children was Nathan, who was born June 6, 1755.*

The early training of Nathan was eminently puritanical, as may be judged from his paternal ancestry, and the mother was especially careful of the culture of her children. Although in his early life Nathan was delicate, he developed rapidly and was

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* Richard Hale, the father of Nathan, was born Sept. 28, 1717, and died June 1, 1802. He was magistrate for many years and several times representative for Coventry to the State Legislature. Nathan was the sixth of twelve children, nine sons and three daughters. John Hale, a brother of Nathan held a commission as major in the militia of Connecticut, and was frequently a representative in the Legislature of the State. David, another brother, was for many years a judge of the county court, and a third brother, Rev. Enoch Hale, of Westhampton, Mass. was a person of extraordinary abilities and held in high estimation by the clergymen of New England.

bright, active and studious. His aptitude for learning caused his father to change his original purpose and fit him for college, with a view to the ministry, and he was placed under the tutorship of Dr. Joseph Huntington, the parish pastor. That he was well taught is evidenced by the fact that when fifteen years of age, in the year 1770, he was admitted to Yale college where he applied himself with energy and progressed rapidly. He was an especial favorite among his fellows and very popular with the faculty. President Dwight has beautifully eulogized him in verse, and through life always spoke of him in terms of the highest admiration, and with deep regret for his untimely fate.

He was especially fond of scientific pursuits and in these stood at the head of his class. He was active in sustaining the Linonian Society and engaged in frequent correspondence, discussion and criticism upon literary subjects. Among his college friendships which he formed and which lasted until his death were with James Hillhouse, Benjamin Tallmadge and Roger Alden. He graduated in September, 1773, and the following winter he was occupied in teaching school at East Haddam, Connecticut, a place of much wealth and activity, where he was probably required to instruct in both English and Classical branches. Here he was remarkably successful, and his talents soon attracted the attention of the proprietors of the Union School in New London, an institution of high standing and intended to furnish facilities for a thorough English education, and the classical preparation necessary for entering college. This school was incorporated by the General Assembly in 1774, and yielded a larger income than ordinary schools, and the station of preceptor* was regarded as a post of honor, none being engaged but those whose characters bore the strictest scrutiny. In the spring of 1774 Hale

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* Among his successors as preceptor were Seth Williston, a graduate of Dartmouth college and since known as a divine of considerable eminence who was in charge for two years; Jacob A. Gurley from the same Seminary succeeded Williston in May, 1794, and was principal for three years; Ebenezer Learned a native of the town and a graduate of Yale college, filled the chair of instruction in 1799. Knight of the Medical college of New Haven, Olmsted of Yale, Mitchell of the University of North Carolina and many others of note are among the teachers since 1800.

History of New London, by Frances Manwaring Caulkins.

accepted the offer of a situation as teacher, he being the first to occupy that position after the act of incorporation. The following extract from a letter written in September informs us as to his life and surroundings while in New London: "I have a school of thirty-two boys, about half Latin, the rest English. The salary allowed is £70 per annum. In addition to this I have kept during the summer a morning school between the hours of five and seven of about twenty young ladies, for which I have received 6s. a scholar by the quarter. The people with whom I live are free and generous, many of them gentlemen of sense and merit. They are desirous that I would continue and settle in the school, and propose a considerable increase of wages. I am much at a loss whether to accept their proposals."

Col. Samuel Green formerly of Hartford who was one of his pupils, bore the following testimony as to Hale's capacity as an instructor: "He was" says Green "peculiarly engaging in his manners; these were mild and gentle. The scholars young and old loved him for his tact and amiability. He was wholly without severity, and had a wonderful control over the boys. He was sprightly, ardent and steady, bore a fine moral character, and was respected by all his acquaintances." The proprietors* of the school were the first gentlemen of New London, all of whom were exceedingly gratified by his skill and assiduity. Mrs. Elizabeth Poole of New London who was for a long time an inmate of the same family with him spoke of him as "peculiarly free from the shadow of guile, and that his simple, unostentatious manner of imparting right views and feelings to less cultivated understandings was unsurpassed." Miss Caulkins in her history of New London remarks that Hale was a firm disciplinarian but happy in his mode of conveying instruction.

Thus was he engaged in his chosen pursuit when the news of the battle of Lexington arrived in New London. The people assembled in town meeting to discuss the issues thus rapidly

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* The original proprietors of the Union School were Richard Law, Silas Church, Jeremiah Miller, Duncan Stewart, Thomas Allen, John Richards, Robinson Mumford, Joseph Christophers, Marvin Wait, Thomas Mumford, Nathaniel Shaw Jr., Roger Gibson.

presenting themselves, the speeches and resolutions being of the most patriotic character. On this occasion the voice of Hale gave no uncertain sound.* "Let us march at once" said he "and never lay down our arms until we obtain our independence." He at once enrolled as a volunteer and assembling his scholars the next morning he addressed them affectionately, prayed with them, and taking each by the hand, bade them farewell. "A sense of duty" he writes to his father "urges me to sacrifice everything for my country." Three months later he was commissioned a Lieutenant in the third company of the seventh Connecticut Regiment under Col. Charles Webb, and on the first of September he took command of the company as its captain. In a letter to the proprietors of the school dated July 7th requesting the acceptance of his resignation as teacher, he states that a position in the army has been tendered him and that he is inclined as he hopes for good reasons to accept it, and that the controlling motive for relinquishing the occupation of teaching is the opportunity for more extended public service.

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* It has been frequently asserted that when the news of the battle of Lexington arrived in town, Nathan Hale immediately dismissed his school, harrangued the citizens and marching for Boston with the company of Captain Coit, took part in the battle of Bunker Hill. This statement is not entirely accurate; his proceedings were marked with more calmness and maturity of judgment. He had taken an active part in all the patriotic measures of the inhabitants, but not till he had been tendered a commission in the army, which was subsequent to the battle of Bunker Hill, did he decide to relinquish his office of preceptor before the expiration of the time for which he was engaged. His letter to the proprietors of the school was dated July 7, 1775. In this communication he observes that the year for which he had engaged would expire in a fortnight, but as he had received information that a place was allotted him in the army, he asked as a favor to be excused immediately. Before the close of July the regiments of Webb and Huntington were ordered to Boston where they were placed under the commander-in-chief. Lieut. Hale shortly afterwards received a captain's commission.

History of New London, by Frances Manwaring Caulkins.

Stuart, with the above statement before him, still asserts the correctness of the statements regarding the prompt action of Hale on the night of the news of the battle of Lexington. "The people assembled in town meeting with judge Law in the chair. * * Hale was among the speakers on this occasion. 'I was struck' says Captain Law from whom the fact is derived 'with his noble demeanor and the emphasis with which he addressed the assembly'." Stuart states that Hale probably returned to New London, but only to discharge his duties temporarily until he could arrange for a permanent connection in the army.

During August and the early part of September Hale's company was on duty near New London engaged in coast defense service, but on the 14th of September it was ordered to the camp near Boston and on its arrival was assigned to the brigade of Gen. Sullivan. On the first of January Congress commissioned him as Captain in the Nineteenth Regiment of Foot and on the the thirtieth his command was attached to the brigade of General Spencer, remaining here until April when with the troops under General Heath he went to New York and was soon after assigned with his command to Lord Sterling's brigade. As an officer he was distinguished for his zeal, activity and patriotism; and the company under his command submitted to a system of discipline before unknown in the army and which produced very beneficial results. An entry in Hale's own camp book under date of November 28th, 1775, when the army around Boston was in danger of dissolution on account of the expiration of the terms of service, dissatisfaction among the men and lack of pay, will serve to show the intensity and earnestness of his patriotism. It is this: "Promised the men if they would tarry another month they should have my wages for that time" A promise he made good by borrowing the money from a brother officer on the strength of his advance pay.

After his arrival in New York he signalized himself by capturing a British sloop laden with supplies from under the sixty-four guns of the British sloop of war Asia. Crossing the river with a small party at night, he waited for the moon to go down, and when all was quiet on the man of war except the watchman's cry, "all is well," he pulled along side the sloop, boarded her, closed the hatches and himself at the helm and the British sailors in the hold arrived at the wharf, where he distributed the prize goods among the soldiers of our army. A bold design, heroically executed.

A letter written by him bearing date of May 30th, 1776, gives evidence that he comprehended the situation of affairs. The debates in Parliament, the proceedings of the Cabinet, the plans on the part of the British commanders for the summer campaign, together with the multitude of tories in the colonies gave him serious alarm. He closes the letter in these words: "It is really

a critical period. America beholds what she never beheld before. Allow the whole force of the enemy to be but thirty thousand and these floating on the ocean ready to attack the most unguarded place. Are they not a formidable foe? Surely they are."

Three months after this was written, the storm broke with all its fury. The terrible and disastrous battle of Long Island was fought. Raw and inexperienced troops outnumbered and outflanked by the veteran troops of England gave way, and for a time the American cause seemed hopelessly lost; but wise generalship and favoring circumstances saved our army from total destruction. The darkest day in our country's history was at hand. Independence had just been declared and the world had been called upon to witness a most solemn pledge to maintain that independence. The die was cast and there was no retreat but in shame. The first battle in support of that declaration was a failure. The soldiers were discouraged, their terms of enlistment were fast expiring and they were returning to their homes in companies and regiments. Unpaid, poorly clad, poorly fed, one fourth on the sick list, insubordination prevalent, discouraged and disheartened, they were face to face with a land and naval force of thirty thousand men, as magnificently armed and equipped as England's wealth and military resources could furnish. There is with nations as with men, "a tide which taken at the flood leads on to fortune." The turning point seemed at hand. At this crisis it was important for Washington to know somewhat of Lord Howe's designs. On this point he writes September 6th "We cannot learn nor have we been able to procure any information of late.' On the discovery of Howe's plans the fate of the country seemed to hang. There appeared but one course to pursue; some one must be found to penetrate the enemy's camp. Acting upon this theory Washington sent for Col. Knowlton to select some person for this dangerous enterprise. The necessities of the case called for a person of more than ordinary talents and abilities. Skill to draught the enemy's works, judgment as to their numbers, distribution and facility of concentration, pleasing address, honesty of purpose, quick sightedness, self composure, military knowledge and general intelligence were requisite for the successful issue of the plan.

It was a task of no little delicacy to find these several all important qualifications combined in one person. Knowlton assembled the officers of his own regiment—Congress' Own—with some others, and in the name of the Commander-in-Chief appealed to them for a volunteer. It was in vain. In his extremity he appealed to them individually, especially to a French sergeant, a veteran of the old French War. "No" was the answer, "I am willing to fight any where and at any time, but I am not willing to go to the enemy's camp and be hung up like a dog." Knowlton was about to abandon the idea of finding a person for the hazardous undertaking, when there came into the group, a young officer, his face pale from a recent illness, his step less firm than was its wont, who, after a few moments reflection replied "I will undertake the service." It was the voice of Nathan Hale. His fellow officers and his friends all joined in remonstrating with him and plead with him to abandon the project, especially his friend and classmate, William Hull, whose after life awakens such sad memories. His reply was characteristic and worthy of the soldier, the patriot and the man: "I think I owe to my country the accomplishment of an object so important and so much desired by the commander of her armies, and I know of no other mode of obtaining the information than by assuming a disguise and passing into the enemy's camp. I am fully sensible of the consequence of discovery and capture in such a situation. But for a year I have been attached to the army and have not rendered any material service, while receiving a compensation for which I make no return. Yet I am not influenced by the expectation of promotion or pecuniary reward. I wish to be useful, and every kind of service necessary for the public good becomes honorable by being necessary. If the exigencies of my country demand a peculiar service, its claims to the performance of that service are imperious." With such sublime purpose did he present himself to General Washington at the Murray house for instructions.

Assuming the character of a schoolmaster, in a plain brown suit and broad brimmed hat, he crossed Long Island Sound and landed at Huntington Bay. We cannot trace his movements during the time he spent within the British lines. We must de-

pend upon conjecture as to his dangerous work. General Howe occupied the town: Clinton was stretched across the island from the North to the East River, and the important points on Long Island were carefully patrolled and guarded. There is reason to believe that he had passed through the entire British lines and that his observations had been most minute and accurate, and that he had faithfully carried out the plans entrusted to him by his commander. An historian who gave much attention to the fate of Hale states that after his landing he passed through Long Island: crossed the river to New York, returning by the same route, and upon his arrival at the place agreed upon for a boat to meet him, as he had several hours to wait, he entered the tavern of widow Chichester, a noted resort for the tories of the neighborhood, trusting in his ready conversational powers to make himself agreeable and avert suspicion. Upon his arrival a man with a familiar face left the room. Not long after, a strange boat was announced by the hostess as approaching. Hale supposing it to be the one appointed to meet him started for the beach where the boat had struck, and upon arriving there found himself covered by the muzzles of several muskets and was challenged with the words "Surrender or die." Among the boat's crew he recognized the man with the familiar face who had left the tavern and who proved to be a tory relative.*

Stuart doubts the truth of the story of the betrayal by his tory relative but does not give the reason on which he bases his doubt.

Upon his apprehension he was stripped and searched, and the profiles of the enemy's works, and his notes written in Latin were found under the inner soles of his shoes. Concealment was useless and he confessed himself a Spy. It was Saturday the twenty-first day of September when Hale, under guard of his captors, was brought before Gen. Howe. The night preceding had been one of horrors, a fierce conflagration had done its work and nearly one third of the city was in ruins. The charge of his being a spy was presented to Howe accompanied by the proof.

This boat which Hale supposed to be from the Connecticut shore was from the British vessel Cerberus which was lying in the sound, stationed there to protect a body of men employed in cutting wood for the garrison at New York.

Hale frankly confessed his mission, announced himself an officer and a spy, and by virtue of a formal warrant under the hand and seal of William Howe, Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces in America, William Cunningham Provost Marshal of the Royal Army was directed to take into his custody the body of Nathan Hale, and see that he was hanged by the neck until he was dead, the next morning at day break.

William Cunningham, Provost Marshal of the Royal Army, and Fiend of the Jersey Prison Ship! A man as infamous for brutality and cruelty as the history of any nation or the annals of any prison can present. A burly, coarse, profane, repulsive, ill-natured Irishman, entirely destitute of the common feelings of humanity, he was the chosen instrument for the execution of the orders of the British commander, and to his tender mercies was Hale consigned. Few worse men have lived.

Hale's dying requests were few. He asked for materials with which to write a few parting lines to his parents, and for a Bible, that he might have the consolations of the religion which he professed. His requests were refused, but through the intervention of a young lieutenant of his guard, his request for the means of writing was granted. Letters were addressed to his friends at home,* and to a comrade in arms. These were scrutinized by Cunningham, and, maddened by the noble spirit manifested in them he tore them in pieces, declaring the rebels should never know they had a man who could die with such firmness. The prisoner was ordered to the place of execution. This was probably a tree near the provost, and the usual crowd of lookers on were assembled. Denied what the meanest culprit has a right to claim, the consolations which the word of God can impart, degraded in every way which a fiendish ingenuity could

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* While in college Hale became engaged to a young lady of his native town. Alice Adams was a person of singularly faultless character, and of a noble and generous disposition, witty, bright, gentle and kind. In person she was small in figure with a fair, fresh complexion, bright hazel eyes and hair of raven blackness. The death of Hale threw a pall over her whole life, and although she lived to the advanced age of eighty-eight years, her death occurring in 1845, and although twice married, she cherished tenderly the memory of her first love. Her last words on earth, when mind and body were both failing her, were, "Write to Nathan."

invent, without a friend or sympathizer in all the crowd around him ,he went to meet his fate with the utmost resolution, calmness and fortitude. The negro Richmond the hangman, having completed the adjustment of the ladder and the rope, and all being ready, Cunningham demanded of Hale what he had to say, hoping that something which would amuse or entertain the motley crowd would be the answer. What a reply was in store for him! Glancing at his executioners with a slight contraction of his features into contempt, then turning to those assembled, in a full, distinct, slow voice he uttered the words which will ever remain to consecrate his memory: "I ONLY REGRET THAT I HAVE BUT ONE LIFE TO LOSE FOR MY COUNTRY." Maddened and chagrined at thus losing his triumph over his prey, noting the effect upon the crowd among which some signs of sympathy began to be visible, Cunningham shouted, "Swing the rebel off." The ladder was turned, the cord strained, the scene was ended.

Having thus considered the life, character and death of Nathan Hale, let us briefly consider the life, character and death of John André.

John André was born in London about the year 1751. His father was of Geneva in Switzerland, but the greater part of his life was passed in London as a merchant. His mother was of French parentage though born in England. His early education was obtained in England, but later he was sent to Geneva to complete his studies. At an early age he possessed a knowledge of several of the modern languages of Europe, was an accomplished musician and a promising painter. At Geneva he was especially proficient in mathematics and military drawings. His general knowledge of literature and belles-lettres was remarkable for one of his years, and he possessed in a good degree poetic talent. When nearly seventeen years of age he entered his father's counting room as a clerk. By the death of his father which occurred soon after, the circumstances of his life were changed, and with his mother, a younger brother and three sisters, he went to the interior of England. Here he renewed an acquaintance with the family of Canon Seward who resided in the Bishop's

palace at Lichfield. Here a literary circle composed of young persons, aspirants for literary fame were wont to gather, charming each other with their productions, and happy in the belief that Lichfield was the literary centre of the kingdom. Here would be found Dr. Darwin, the botanist, philosopher and poet; William Hayley, author of Triumphs of Temper, and the biographer of his friend in later years, the poet Cowper; Sir Brooke Boothby, the poet and satirist; Richard Lovell Edgeworth, author and literary adviser of his celebrated daughter; the eccentric Thomas Day, philanthropist, poet and political writer, who as author of Sanford and Merton is still a power in the world. Besides Anna his daughter, Canon Seward had in his family as his ward, Honora Sneyd, the daughter of a deceased friend.—Blue eyes, golden hair, graceful figure, delicate features, together with sweetness of temper and vivacity of manner constituted her a person whose charms André was not able to resist. His love was returned, and an engagement followed. He painted two miniature portraits of Honora, one of which he gave Miss Seward, the other he carried in his bosom until called upon to part with his life, although four years after her engagement she forgot her love and was married to Richard Lovell Edgeworth as his second wife. Mercantile affairs being distasteful to André it was difficult for him to apply himself to business pursuits, but for the sake of her whom he hoped to wed, he "subdues his aversion to the profession of a merchant and hopes in time to acquire an inclination for it." "Yet," he writes "God forbid I should ever love what I am to make the object of my attention; that vile trash which I care not for, but only as it may be the future means of procuring the blessing of my soul. Thus all my mercantile calculations go to the tune of dear Honora. When an impertinent consciousness whispers in my ear that I am not of the right stuff for a merchant, I draw my Honora's picture from my bosom and the sight of that dear talisman so inspirits my industry that no toil appears oppressive."

After being discarded, and failing to re-awaken the love of Honora, preferring the life of a soldier to that of a merchant, he secured, in 1771, a commission as Lieutenant in the Seventh Foot or Royal Fusileers. Most historical writers who have

treated the subject have conveyed the idea that it was despair at Honora's marriage that caused André to seek the life of a soldier and leave the country. More probable, that not being called upon for her sake to pursue a calling always distasteful to him he gave way to the original bent of his inclination and an insatiate thirst for military glory. His regiment embarked for Canada in the spring of 1773, and it was not until the summer of 1774 that André embarked to join it, a greater portion of the intervening time having been spent in Germany in perfecting himself in various branches of military science which would certainly promote his advancement. While his regiment was in Canada it is well worth while to seek for a reason why he should journey by way of Philadelphia New York and Boston. Sargent sees it, and he is probably correct, in the fact that there was much for an intelligent eye witness to avail himself of between Pennsylvania and Canada. It was a matter of no little importance for Sir Guy Carleton, his commander in Canada, to know the temper of the people, the state of political feeling in the colonies, the doings of the Continental Congress which was to meet in September and the support it would receive, and whether the preponderance of feeling was in favor of the policy of Chatham or of North. André was a most keen observer and noted all he saw, and wherever he went it is safe to say he treasured up the news and gossip of the day for a report to his superior. From Philadelphia he passed through New Jersey to New York, and thence he found his way to Boston, public feeling intensifying as he proceeded northward. Whether during his stay in Boston he was employed in expeditions like that of Brown and De Berniere to Worcester and other places is a subject for conjecture, his peculiar qualifications with the pencil and the pen constituting him a person eminently fitted for this department of military duty. Proceeding from Boston to Canada he soon joined his regiment. At St. Johns he was taken prisoner, the colors of the 7th being the first standards taken in this war.

Under all circumstances André still cherishes his old love. "I have been taken prisoner by the Americans," he writes to a friend at home, "and stripped of everything except the picture of Honora, which I concealed in my mouth. Preserving this I

yet think myself fortunate." At Carlisle and Lancaster in Pennsylvania where he was sent a prisoner, he received from the inhabitants the greatest kindness and consideration, and many close friendships were established. His leisure hours were devoted to elegant and refining influences, and he became in many families an ever welcome guest.

Returning to his regiment, the 7th, after his exchange near the close of the year 1776, he was promoted to a captaincy in the 26th. On the 3d of June Maj. Gen. Grey, afterwards Sir Charles Grey, arrived at New York, and not being provided with aids, Howe recommended to him "a young man of great abilities whom for some time he had wished to provide for." Receiving an appointment as aid-de-camp to Grey he was now in a service which was suited to his tastes, staff duty being more in the direction of his special acquirements than that of the line. At the battle of Brandywine in the following autumn Grey's brigade was held in reserve and therefore not actively engaged, but bore the brunt of the contest at Paoli and Germantown.

During the occupation of Philadelphia in the winter of 1777–8 and the following spring, André's duties were light, and the time was spent in great part in social amusements.
Among his immediate circle of friends here were Simcoe, the partizan officer, Sir John Wrottesley, Captain De Lancy, Major Stanley, Major Lord Cathcart, Miss Shippen, afterward the wife of Benedict Arnold, and Miss Redman. Amateur theatricals occupied a considerable degree of attention, André lending his talents in this direction. He was also a prominent factor in the production of that most absurd and ridiculous representation of knightly chivalry, The Mischianza. After the evacuation of Philadelphia by the British in June and their retirement to New York, Grey's division was detached to Newport, R. I., to reinforce Pigot who was confronted by Sullivan, Green and La Fayette, with a large force.

D'Estaing retiring to Boston to refit his fleet, the siege of Newport was abandoned. Grey's division was detached on an expedition to New Bedford and along the coast of Buzzard's Bay, thence returning to New York. Grey about to return to England sent to Clinton a letter referring him to Captain André for

information in regard to the late plan of operations and the details in relation thereto, which reference will be considered by those versed in military affairs as a compliment of no ordinary degree. In the following autumn he was appointed aid-de-camp to Sir Henry Clinton, and in the spring of 1779 with Col. West Hyde was appointed to negotiate with the Americans for an exchange of prisoners, but no exchange resulted from the conference with the American commissioners, on account of the fear on the part of André and Hyde that the indirect acknowledgment of the independence of the colonies would be made.

In May Clinton planned an attack on Stony and Verplank's Points which resulted successfully, and André in person received the surrender of Fort La Layette. In the fall he was appointed Deputy Adjutant General of the British Army. During the winter and spring the expedition to Charleston was planned and executed, André accompanying Clinton and returning to New York after the capitulation of that city. It was after his return to New York from Charleston that he produced "The Cow Chase, the best known of his verses, "which," says Sparks, "with much that is crude and coarse, contains several stanzas of humour and satire.

We now approach the period in his life which must cause pain and sorrow in every true heart to contemplate.

The story of the secret correspondence with Arnold in relation to the surrender of West Point, the midnight meeting to carry out the details of the affair; his unexpected delay in returning; his day of concealment at Smith's house; his attempt to return; his capture, trial and execution are too well known to be repeated here. This act or series of acts, doubtful and questionable in point of honor and morality in conception and execution, casts a fatal blot on an otherwise untarnished fame. It only remains for us now to compare and contrast briefly the similar and dissimilar traits and accomplishments of these unfortunate men; their education and qualities of mind, their missions, motives, perils, conduct and the measure of honor which each has received.

In person these two men were models of manly beauty. Hale, tall, erect, of symetrical frame, vigorous, active; a countenance

mild yet firm in its expression, of exceeding modesty, undaunted courage, and of a maturity of judgment rarely found in one of his years, he being but twenty-two years of age at the time of his death. André, well formed, rather slender, remarkably active, of dark complexion, good countenance, somewhat serious, and at the time of his death twenty-nine years of age. The nobility of a true manhood was stamped in the looks and bearing of each, and each was the centre around which clustered the hopes of hosts of admiring friends. Serious or gay as occasion required, ready at all times for the sternest realities of war, or for the most quiet, enchanting and elevating influences of peace, they bore in their natures a similarity at once the most striking and remarkable. Added to the endowments with which Nature had blessed them, a thorough and finished education had placed them in the way of attaining the most exalted positions among men had not fate interposed. A comparison of mental acquirements would undoubtedly result in favor of André, who was better versed in elegant literature than was Hale, and on account of superior advantages in the way of travel possessed a greater knowledge of the world and was more used to polished society.

In considering their missions it is with sadness that we detect in André who has heretofore exhibited no traits but those of a noble manhood, something as Washington Irving expresses it, of debasing alloy. He was to engage in a service of doubtful morality and with the thirty pieces of silver to make his purchase. He was to tamper with a brave and necessitous man and with money to buy his honor.

The necessities of the case following the battle of Long Island required that the American commander should know the enemy's force, its distribution and its design. He found in Hale the person whom he could trust for that purpose. Although the employment of spies is considered a "clandestine practice and deceit in war," yet notwithstanding this their employment is under peculiar circumstances not considered as compromising a great commander. In fact, from time immemorial the spy has been an important factor in military operations. Ancient history abounds with instances where their employment has been resorted to by the greatest military leaders of their times. Nor is the

history of more modern warfare without abundant instances of their employment. By means of spies Alfred was present among the Danes, Wellington among the French, Napoleon among his enemies of whatever nation he found himself opposed.

Hale was to visit the enemy's camp, obtain what information he was able, return and report for the guidance of his chief. He was to be in the full meaning of the word, a spy, without adopting a single shift to mitigate the consequences in the event of his detection. Calmly counting the cost he offered himself a volunteer to carry out to the full the plan which Washington had designed. He *intended* when he left our lines to enter the enemy's camp and meet all the dangers attending the undertaking. Not so with André. He did not intend to enter within the American lines, and in fact was instructed by Sir Henry Clinton not to do so. He was to meet Arnold on the borders of neutral ground, and under a flag of truce to buy with gold what force could not conquer. Indeed the risk to be encountered seemed so small that he was to assume no disguise, and did not until he found himself inside the American lines where his eagerness to secure the fruits of his mission had led him. His undertaking was apparently without that spice of danger which is necessary to constitute an heroic action. In his letter to Washington after his arrest he writes: "Against my stipulation, my intention, and without my knowledge beforehand I was involuntarily an imposter."

The mission of Hale was in no way to compromise any but himself. On the contrary André was to involve in shame and ignominy him whose lack of honor he was at the time aware of.

André had also taken advantage of a former acquaintance with Mrs. Arnold who as Miss Shippen he had known in the days of the Mischianza and had employed her as an unconscious instrument in the furtherance of his plans with her husband.

Hale plunged friendless and alone into the British camp, while André was to be under the protection of a Major General of the American Army who had great power and influence, and had stretched them both to pave and secure the way. What wonder then that so far as danger was concerned, the Briton left Clinton's head quarters with a light heart, "carrolling as he went."

In regard to the motives which actuated each in his undertaking we are fortunate in not being left to mere conjecture, for had we not their unequivical avowal, the dying words of each would relieve of all doubts in judging them. "I think I owe to my country the accomplishment of an object so important," said Hale, "I am not influenced by the hope of promotion or pecuniary reward. I wish to be useful, and every kind of service necessary for the public good becomes honorable by being necessary. If the exigencies of my country demand a peculiar service its claims to the performance of that service are imperious."

"Military glory was all I sought," said André, "The thanks of my General and the approbation of my King would have been a rich reward for such an undertaking. Had I succeeded I was to have been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General."—A sublimity of purpose seldom if ever equalled in the annals of mankind is revealed in the reply of the one; purposes commendable and worthy in themselves to a certain degree are made manifest in the reply of the other. The one looking to no future for himself but for his country, the other to no future for his country but for himself. But note the contrast in the final hour when each stood face to face with eternity, a time when man will be honest if ever with himself and with his fellow man, when deceit in the heart departs and truth utters its voice. "I only regret" said Hale, "that I have but one life to lose for my country." "I pray you bear me witness," said André, "that I meet my fate like a brave man." Thus while André's last thoughts were not of England and England's cause, but of reputation, heroism, self, Hale's last thoughts were of that country for which he was about to offer up his life, forgeting himself in the intensity of patriotic devotion.

The conduct of each after his capture was such as to command the respect and admiration of all men. Neither shrunk from the fate that awaited him. Manly, dignified, respectful, with no words of remonstrance, calmly and composedly each received his sentence. Each went with a firm step to his execution and died with heroic fortitude. But notwithstanding this, a comparison is just, and we shall find that in these last hours, so full of terrors, the fortitude of the American presents itself in bolder

outline than does that of the British spy. Noble indeed were the utterances of André to those around him, and especially do his tearful words to Hamilton in regard to Sir Henry Clinton, reveal the affections and sensibilities of his soul. La Fayette testifies as to his composure when he says, "All the court that inquired into his conduct were filled with sentiments of admiration and compassion for him. He behaved with so much frankness, courage and delicacy that I could not help lamenting his unhappy fate. It is impossible to express too much respect, or too deep regret for him. Heath, Tallmadge, Thacher and Washington himself bear witness that his whole conduct was that of an accomplished gentleman and brave officer. In fact all who came in contact with him from the highest officer to the humblest guard testify as to his heroic conduct while under the terrible shadow of death. In view of facts like these, does it seem within the range of possibilities that such conduct can be excelled? Surely it must be a soul endued with more than human powers that will exhibit a grandeur exceeding this.

Hale when taken before Howe after his capture acknowledged himself without reserve an American officer and a spy; André in his letter to Washington announces himself as Major John André Adjutant General of the British army, but not a spy; certainly not an intentional one. "I was betrayed" writes he "into the vile condition of an enemy in disguise within your posts. The one sought some mitigation of his case, but such only however as could be granted on strict principles of military usage: the other with no plea for leniency however honorable, fearlessly confronted his impending doom.

After sentence André's heart revolted at the thought of a shameful death upon the gallows. He preferred to die the death becoming the soldier, and not that appointed for the felon. In his letter to Washington dated the day before his death he pleads that the mode of his death may be adapted to the feelings of a man of honor. Hale was troubled with no such apprehensions. He had assumed the risk of a spy and he was ready for a spy's fate.

In considering their conduct after their capture and sentence, we must also bear in mind the circumstances by which each was surrounded. Every means which sympathy and compassion

could suggest were exhausted to alleviate the sufferings of the one, while such means as a fiendish ingenuity could invent aggravated the sufferings of the other.

We have thus perhaps with unnecessary detail followed out the lives of these men—lives, the distinguishing characteristics of which were in many respects so similar, and yet how little do we find in common. Distinctive and characteristic are their last words, and in them we discover the essence of their lives. "*I pray you bear me witness that I meet my fate like a brave man.*" "*I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.*"

While England and America have united in commemorating André's deeds, and holding his memory in everlasting remembrance, the name of Hale is scarcely known to his own countrymen. The English Government has exercised its highest powers to guard the dust and perpetuate the memory of him who died in the service of his king, erecting to him a stately mausoleum, and placing his remains with those of her most illustrious dead.* It immediately considered the needs of those who had been deprived of their stay and support in this world, and provided for them through their long and sad lives. The American people guarded with pious care his lonely grave, until it gave up its charge, and American historians have delighted to dwell upon his manliness and fortitude, and call up the sympathies of all who peruse this chapter of our history, in his behalf. Who will say that History has dealt justly with the memory of Hale, or that the American people have remembered in these days of national

* A doubt has been expressed as to whether the remains of Andre were removed to England. In The Magazine of American History for September, 1879, is contained a "Personal Narrative of the services of Lieut. John Shreve of the New Jersey Line of the Continental Army." Shreve was present at the execution of Andre, and in November, 1853, at the age of ninety-two years he stated from memory that "Andre when dead was taken down, put in a coffin and driven under an escort to the landing place at the river, where a boat belonging to the enemy was waiting by permission, and took the corpse of Major Andre to New York City and arrived at the British camp before midnight. His body was not buried under or near the gallows as some historians have asserted." In the face of so many proofs to the contrary, this statement of an old man in his dotage, seventy-three years after Andre's death, is entitled to but little credit.

prosperity one who passed through the lowest depths of degradation and suffering, that "a government of the people, by the people and for the people" might take its place among the nations of the earth. Surely republics *are* ungrateful.

In striking contrast with the action of the Government of England in respect to the memory of André has been that of the Government of the United States in respect to the memory of Hale. For nine years, eight of them in succession, was Congress petitioned to erect some suitable memorial which should fitly commemorate his patriotism and martyrdom; and although in some instances the petitions were reported favorably upon, no action was taken, and Congress rejected all appeals in behalf of the project. Contrast this with the lavish expenditure for the commemoration of the deeds of many in the various departments of its service who have honored themselves and their country, and we shall find that the sculptors, painters and engravers' arts have been taxed to fitly honor those to whom honor is due.

Within a costly and magnificent pile standing in the heart of the metropolis of the world, near a monument which British gratitude has erected to his memory repose the ashes of the English spy. Here surrounded on every hand by the sleeping dust of those who have been the bulwarks of England's strength in ages past, Kings, Priests, Poets, Warriors, Statesmen, he has found his rest, and his story is here told to the world.

Somewhere, no one knows where, the body of Nathan Hale has mouldered to dust, but in an humble graveyard in a quiet New England town near his old home, overlooking scenery of most romantic beauty which vies with the Scottish Highlands and Loch Katrine, stands a plain granite shaft on which are inscribed Hale's last words. The rising sun gilds it with its light and its evening rays linger tenderly around it. Thus in harmony with his quiet, sweet and modest life are the surroundings which perpetuate his memory.

Turning from the contemplation of the general neglect and indifference in respect to the memory of Hale, it is a relief to view the shield from the other side. There have been in past generations those who fondly cherished his memory, and his name is not entirely forgotten by this generation of men.

The State of Connecticut and the citizens of his native town have in a measure supplied that which the national government refused.

The Poetic Muse has not been entirely idle. President Dwight of Yale College, a tutor of Hale inscribed a poem of some length from which the following lines are taken :—

"Thus while fond Virtue wished in vain to save,
Hale, bright and generous, found a hapless grave;
With Genius' living flame his bosom glowed,
And Science lured him to her sweet abode;
In Worth's fair path his feet adventured far,
The pride of Peace, the rising hope of War;
In duty firm, in danger calm as even,
To friends unchanging and sincere to Heaven.
How short his course, the prize how early won,
While weeping Friendship mourns her favorite gone."

A poem of considerable length was dedicated to the memory of Hale by one who knew and loved him well. This appeared in the February number of the American Historical Magazine, published in New Haven in 1836. A poet of his native town has also remembered him in verse, and a poem was delivered before the Alumni Association of Columbia College in October, 1858, which, although recounting most fully the events of Hale's life and death, possessed no particular merit. At the Centennial Anniversary of the Linonian Society of Yale College in 1853, the poet did honor to Hale in several stanzas of much lyric force.

Fancy and romance have also lent their aid in perpetuating the memory of Hale, and stories have occasionally appeared, in which his life and death furnished the materials for the warp and imagination and sentiment the materials for the woof of the fabric.

George Gibbs Esq., formerly Librarian of the New York Historical Society, wrote a beautiful form of an epitaph, as a tribute to the memory of Hale, as follows :—

"Stranger, Beneath this Stone
Lies the dust of
A SPY
who perished upon the Gibbet,
yet

the Storied marbles of the Great,
the Shrines of Heroes,
entomb not one more worthy of
Honor
than Him who here
sleeps his last sleep.
Nations
bow with reverence before the dust
of him who dies
a glorious Death
urged on by the sound of the
Trumpet
and the shouts of
admiring thousands.
But what reverence, what honor
is not due to one
who for his country encountered
even an INFAMOUS death
Soothed by no Sympathy
animated by no praise."

In a pamphlet entitled "A Memoir of Captain Nathan Hale, published for the Hale Monument Association, in 1844, I find a most beautiful and eloquent comparison of his sacrifice, with others which have been made in behalf of mankind.

"Such sacrifices" the author writes "have ever been rare, and they who made them, have, in all ages been looked upon as among the exalted models of human kind. They have worn the thorny wreath, but to win the starry crown. To do and to bear all that can be done or borné for our fellow men; for their weal, for their safety, whether in toil or sacrifice, is indeed the height of mortal nobleness. Well did ancient Rome prize her Horatii, her Curtius, her Decius and her Regulus with her proudest names. Carthage also could boast her two Phileni; Sparta, her Leonidas, and Athens her Themistocles. Nor have more modern times been wanting in such names. Italy may be proud of her Rienzi, and Switzerland of her Arnold Struthan; France of her Joan d' Arc and six citizens of Calais; Scotland of her Wallace, and England of her Hampden and Russell and Sidney—heroic minds—who in one way or another laid down their lives, not in ambition, not for power or a throne, but for all mankind. Minds who could coolly and calmly forego all the *present*

and look forward to the *future* for their reward; to that bright reversion beyond the grave. And though few, *very* few such have been in any age, in *all* ages, yet well for fallen and suffering humanity, well for us, that some such have been, else the world had found no salvation."

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT A. LOVELL, Librarian.

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The Worcester Society of Antiquity.

The following vote was passed at the adjourned regular meeting of the Society held Tuesday evening, November 11, 1879:

"*Voted* that FRANKLIN P. RICE be, and he hereby is, authorized to edit and publish for The Worcester Society of Antiquity, the second volume of the Records of Worcester, the same to be entitled "*Early Records of the Town of Worcester*," and numbered VIII. of the publications of the Society.

A true copy of the Record.

Attest: DANIEL SEAGRAVE, *Secretary*.

EARLY RECORDS.

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OF THE

TOWN OF WORCESTER.

Att a General Town meeting held at Worcester, March 3^{d}: 1739-40, for ye Choice of Town officers and other public affairs. John Chandler Esqr being Chosen modrator, ye following persons ware Chosen Town officers for ye year Ensuing, Vizt:

John Chandler Esqr, mr. Nathanil moore, C. Benj^{a} F[l]agg, C. Danil Heywood, Jonas Rice, Esqr, Selectmen.

Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

Elijah Cook, James How, Constables.

C. Benj^{a} Flagg, T. Tresurer.

John Chandler Esqr, C. Benj^{a} Flagg, Jonas Rice, Assessors.

Pallmer Golding, John Stearns, Eliakem Rice, Solomon Johnson. Curneilus waldo, Danil Huberd, James Callwell, Jotham Biglo. Isrial Jenison, Danil Boyden, Elisha Smith, Surveyrs of highways.

John Chadwick, Sealer of Lether.

James Tailor, C. Markitt.

Samuel Dunkin, Danil Boyden, Mical Lovewell, Isaac Fisk. hogreives.

Joseph Temple, Samuel Dunkin, field Drivers.

Isreal Jenison, Absalom Rice, Eliakem Rice, fence Viewers.

Jacob Holmes, Joseph Crosby, Tythingmen.

James Holdin, Joseph Rug, To preserve ye Deer.

Sworn. John Chandler, Modr.

Voted that ye Article Relating to ye School be Refered to ye adjournment of this meeting for further Consideration, and that in ye mean time Cpt. Heywood, Leiut. Golding, John Cirtice, Ensign Rice, Cpt. moore & mr. Elisha Smith be a Comitte to project and prepare a vote for ye better Reglating of ye Schoole or Schools for ye year Ensuing & they are Desired to give notice of ye time & place of their meeting that So any of ye Inhabitents as See Cause may have opertunity to offer to them Such Scheem or Scheems as they may Judge proper.

The Selectmen laid before the Town the return of Several highways by them laid out, vizt. a way Extending from the South East Corner of mr. Edward Durants Land Southrly to ye County Road & northerly to ye Road Leading from ye meetinghouse by pine medow. also a Road Leading from Shrewsbury Line near the house of Isaac miller to ye Countrey Road which Returns ware accepted by ye Town and voted to be Recorded. also Voted that ye Return of an other Road through Thomas adamses Land &c. be Refered to the adjournment of this meeting for further Consideration.

Voted that ye Incourigment for Killing of Rattle Snaks for ye year Ensuing be one Shilling for Each provided ye tails thereof be brought to ye Town at a Town meeting & afterwards Consumed to asshes.

Voted that ye Rams be Restrained from going at Larg in ye Town of worcester from ye Tenth Day of august next till ye Tenth Day of November following on penelty of ten Shillings to be payd by ye owner of any Such Ram or Rams going at Large as aforesd to be Recovered by ye Town Tresurer to be applyed for ye use of ye poore of Said Town and that it Shall be Lawfull for any person being an Inhabitent of this Town who Shall fiend any Ram or Rams going at Large as aforesd to Cutt Sd Ram & be Indemnified for his So doing.

Voted that ye Incourigment for Killing of Birds in this Town, vizts. black Birds from ye first Day of april to ye Last Day of may next and also for woodpeckers & blue Jays ye whole year next Ensuing be three pence ℔ head provided ye heads are brought and presented before the Town at their meeting for Debt and Creditt.

Voted that Colon Chandler, Cpt. Heywood and major Rice be a Comitte to Setle accounts with the Town Tresurer and the Revd mr. Isaac Burr and obtain a proper Discharge of him, in which they are to act according to their best Discretion and Report to ye Town at the adjournment of this meeting of their Doings for acceptance.

voted that Colon Chandler, Henry Lee Esqr. and major Rice be a Comite to Receive ye accompts of ye Trustees of the Sixty Thousend pound Loan and to make full Inquirey into that affair and Report to ye Town at the adjournment of this meeting what may be proper further to be Don Relating thereto.

voted that Decon moore, Cpt. Flagg, Cpt. Heywood, Messrs. Charles Deavenport, Edward Durant & John Cirtice be a Comitte to take into Consideration the Petition of John Stearns & others Respecting the Granting them the hind Seet in ye mens Side Gallirey and Report what they may think proper to be Don in answer thereto & make Report thereof at ye adjournment of this meeting.

voted that ye Petition of ye Inhabitents of ye Southwesterly part of ye Town Praying to be Set off in order to be Erected into a Seprate Township with part of ye Neighboring Towns be Dismissed.

voted that ye Sixty pound aditional money granted to ye Revd mr. Isaac Burrs Salirey be Continued During the Towns pleasure.

voted that ye Northrly part of the Town Comonly Called North worcester agreeable to ye Pertition Line formerly Run be Set of a Distinct & Seperate Township if it be ye pleasure of ye grate & General Court in Consideration of Their grate Distance from ye place of public worship.*

voted that ye article Relating to ye making further adition to ye Revd mr. Burrs Sallery be Refered for further Consideration to ye adjournment of this meeting.

in answer to ye Petition of Jacob Holms voted that he have Liberty of keeping three Gates on ye Road Latly Layd out through his Land till ye first of June next and then two Gates to ye Eand of this year.

*This part was set off as a separate township and incorporated by the General Court in 1740, under the name of Holden.

at ye Disire of Isreal Jenison Layd out ye following Town Road two rod wide begining at Shrewsbury Line near ye house of mr. Isaac miller So to Run as ye path is now trod & So to Extend to ye Countrey Road.

Worcester, Febr 3^d^ : 1739. James Tailor, James moore, Benj^a^ Flagg } *Selectmen of worcester*

at a meeting of ye Selectmen of worcester & at ye Desire of Several of ye Inhabitents of Sd Town a Town way was Layd out two rod wide Said Road begining two Rod westrly of ye most Southeastrly Corner of ye Farm m^r^. Edward Durant now Dwells on then Extending northrly two rods Eastrly of ye Sd Durrants Land & two rod within ye Land of mr. John Stearns whear Sd Town Road shall meet with ye Road formerly Layd out by the Propriators Comitte then Said Road to run through ye Land of messurs Benj^a^ Flagg, Benj^a^ Gates, Palmer Golding as formerly Layd out by Sd Comitte till it meets ye Road Leading to ye meeting house by pine medow. also Layd out a Town Road three rod wide begining at Said Southeastrly Corner of Sd mr. Durants Land Bounding Eastrly by ye Land of mr. John Stearns & Extending Southerly till it meets with ye Countrey Road.

Worcester, Febr 15 : 1739. James Tailor, James moore, Benj^a^ Flagg } *Selectmen of worcester*

the above mentioned Roads ware accepted by ye Town & [ordered] to be Recorded and then ye meting was adjourned till monday ye 28 day of april next at one a Clock afternoon.

Attest: John Chandler, modrat.

worcester, march 3^d^, 1739-40.

we ye Subscribers being Inhabitents of ye Town of worcester Protest against ye Proceedings of ye Town meeting now held in ye meetinghouse in this Town for that the Determination of ye Selectmen of Said Town Concerning Voters in Said Town meeting is not

according to ye Laws of this Province in that Case made and provided but they have totally Excluded us tho' Qualified according to Law.*

Joseph Dyar
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Jezeniah Rice
the mark of
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Samuell Dunkin
william Johnson
Danil Dunkin
Thomas Richardson
Joseph Temple

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att a Town meeting held at worcester ye 20 day of may 1740 John Chandler Esqr. was Chosen modrtr.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T Clerk.

at Sd meeting Voted that ye following Sums be granted to ye following persons, vizt :

To James Forbus for Danil Holdins Rates	1.	11.	11
To John Caldwell for his mans Rates	2.	00.	00
To Robert Blare for warning people out of Town	0.	10.	06
To Danil ward for takeing Care of ye meetinghouse	2.	10.	0
To John Chandler Esqr. for Banisters, under pining ye meetinghouse, nails &c. to Compleat ye Same	13.	7.	4
To Palmer Golding 4 Ratle Snaks & 7 birds heads	0.	5.	9

*This is the first of a series of protests entered upon the town records by Joseph Dyer, an eccentric character who combined the occupations of lawyer and shopkeeper. For twenty years he continued to interpose his objections to the proceedings of the town, refusing to bear his burden of taxation, which could only be collected through process of law. Finally in 1759, he was committed to jail for the non-payment of a fine, where he remained five years, obstinately refusing all offers of accomodation. In 1764 the sum necessary for his liberation was raised by subscription, and he was forcibly ejected from the jail, protesting as he went. While in confinement he compiled a dictionary of the English language, which was afterwards published. For a more extended account of him, see History of Worcester by William Lincoln.

To andrew mackfarlind 4 Tails & 15 heads	0.	6.	9
To Doctor Harvey 67 Tails	3.	7.	0
To mr. James Tailor 2 Tails	0.	2.	0
To Samuel Dunkin 8 heads	0.	2.	0
To Benja. King 10 heads	0.	2.	6
To Leiut. holdin 1 Tail 21 heads	0.	6.	3
To Samuell Thomas 12 Tails	0.	12.	0
To Charls Adam 3 heads & 3 Tails	0.	3.	9
To James How 9 heads	0.	2.	3
To Robert Blare for 3 Tails & 16 heads	0.	7.	0
To Joseph Crosby for 26 heads	0.	6.	6
To Danil ward for 1 & 15 heads	0.	4.	9
To obediah ward for 1 Tail 18 heads	0.	5.	6
To Thomas Rice 1 Tail 8 heads	0.	3.	0
To Decon moore 2 Tails 4 heads	0.	3.	0
To Thomas Hagitt 10 heads	0.	2.	6
To John Tatman 1 Tail	0.	1.	0
To Danil Boyden 20 heads	0.	5.	0
To Ephrim Rice 23 heads	0.	5.	9
	27.	13.	0

voted that ye Sum of 12 pound be granted for purcshing plank for ye Covering Such Bridges in ye Town as needfull.

voted that ye Sum of fifty pound be granted for the purchasing a Town Stock of ammunition ye Selectmen to Lay an account thereof before ye Town for their further Direction.

voted that ye Sum of one hundred pounds be granted for ye Suport of ye Schools in ye Town for ye year Ensuing fifty pound whearof to be applyed towards keeping a Gramer School in ye present Schoolhouse ye other fifty pounds to be divided Equaly among ye Quarters or Skirts as usuall provided ye Body of ye Town keep a Gramer School ye year & Save ye Town from presentment and provided also that ye Quarters or Scirts of ye Town do in ye the whole have Twelve months Schooling of a writing Schoolmaster and all ye Schools to be free.

voted that ye aforesd Sums be Leveyed on the Poles and Estates of ye Town agreeable to Law by ye assessors for ye Charges of ye Current year.

voted that mr. Palmer Golding, mr. Gershom Rice Jur., mr. James How and Cp^{t}. James moore be a Comitte to procure a proper & Suitable Schoole master or masters for ye keeping Schools in ye Quarters or Skirts of ye Town agreeable to ye Towns vote.

voted that ye Report of John Chandler Esqr. & others Relating to ye Trustees of ye 60000£ Loan be accepted and ye Trustees are Directed to act & proceed accordingly Said Report to Lye on file.

voted that ye Report of John Chandler & others Relating to ye Setlement of accouts with ye present Town Tresur and with ye Revd mr. Burr be accepted in ye Several parts thereof & that Said Report Lye on file.

ye verble Report of Decon moore & others on a Petition of John Stearns Jur. & others Considered & voted that ye Petition be Dismissed.

The Petition of Gershom Rice & others Relating to their being Sett off to Joyn with Some of ye neighbouring Towns to be made a Seprate Township being Read and Debated the Question was put whether ye prayer of ye Petition be granted & it passed in ye negitive.

Voted that Coll. Chandler, major Rice, Henry Lee Esqr. Cp^{t}. Flagg, Cp^{t}. Heywood, L^{et}. Golding, Decon moore, mr. James Tailor, Lei^{t}. Holdin be a Comitte to Lease out the Schoole Lands & medow ye year Ensuing for the most they will fetch. that they also prepare & Lay before the Town Some proper projection or Scheem for the beter Improving of ye ministry Lands & Schoole Lands or for Disposing thereof that So ye Town may Reep ye whole benifitt that may arise therefrom.

In answer to ye Petition of Charles Davenport & others voted that Cp^{t}. moore, Leiu^{t}. Golding & mr. James How be a Comitte to Confer with the Honrble the Justices of the Court of General Sessions of ye peace for this County at their next Sessions about ye hanging of ye Bell & to offer that in Case ye Bell be hung at or near the meetinghouse ye Town will be at ye whole Cost of hanging ye Same & Ringing of it for ye Service of all ye Courts from time to time within ye County.

The aforegoing vots were past

Attest: John Chandler, modrator.

Thear having been a disput for Some time Relating to the Bounds between the Towns of worcester and Shrewsbury in that part whear the Dwelling house of Isaac miller Junr. now Stands the Selectmen of Each Town this Day mett and in order to put a final issue to Said Disput have agreed as follows :

(1) we Each of us own and agree to bigin to Renew Bounds at the north Eand of the Long Pond So Extending by the antient marks till we Come to a wallnut tree mark[t] Standing in y[e] Land of Said miller which wallnut hath been heartofore Renewed by y[e] Selectmen of Said Towns.

2. To Extend on a Strait Line from Said wallnut to a heep of Stons at or near the north East Corner of y[e] Land James How and which heep of Stones hath been Renewed as the Line between Said Towns.

3. Agreed to meet at y[e] house of mr. Joseph Crosby on the first monday of may next at nine of the Clock before noone to proceed on Said affair.

Dated at Worcester, April 7 : 1740.

Shrewsbury Selectmen.	*Worcester Selectmen.*
Nahum ward	Jonas Rice
Isaac Stone	Nath[ll] moore
Thomas Hapgood	Benj[a] Flagg
Cyprion Kyes	Danil Heywood

Persuant to y[e] within agreement y[e] Selectmen of both the Towns within Named met at time & place mentioned in Sd agreement and Run the Line between Said Towns from the Long Pond by a wallnot tree a Bound mark in y[e] Line between Said Towns Standing in Isaac millers Land and from thence to a heep of Stons in Said Line above James Hows and we find the Dwelling house of Isaac miller to be in y[e] Town of Shrewsbury.

Nahum ward, William Taylor, Isaac Stone, Thomas Hapgood, Cyprion Kyes — *Selectmen of Shrewsbury*

Nathanil moore, Jonas Rice, Danil Heywood, Benj[a] Flagg — *Selectmen of worcester*

at a meeting of ye freeholders & other Inhabitents of worcester Qualified to vote in Town affairs Leagly warned & met on wednesday ye 24 day of Decemr 1740

at Sd meeting Henry Lee Esqr. was Chosen modr.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T Cler.

at Sd meeting ye Petition of Cp^t^. Danil How & others with ye order of ye General Court being thereon Red*

voted that ye Town will make answer thereunto.

voted at Sd meeting that Coll. John Chandler their Representtitive, Cp^t^. Benj^a^ Flagg & Henry Lee Esqr. be Desired & are hearby Impowered to make Such answer to Sd Petition in behalf of ye Town in Every Respect as they think most proper.

Attest: Henry Lee, modr.

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att a General Town meeting held at worcester on the Second day of march 1740-41 for ye Choice of Town officers &ct

John Chandler Esqr. Chosen modr.

The following Persons ware Chosen Town officers &ct:

William Jenison Esqr. mr. Palmer Golding, Cp^t^. James moore, mr. John Stearns, [Gershom Rice Jr.?] Selectmen.

major Jonas Rice, Town Cler.

mr. Tyrus Rice, Alexander m^c^Conkey, Constables.

John Chandler Esqr. Town Tresur.

mr. Palmer Golding, John Chandler Esqr. mr. Joshua Eaton Jur. assessors.

Messurs. Palmer Golding, John Stearns, John Tatman, Andrew m^c^farlind, Cornelious Waldo, Daniel Hubbert, John Curtice, Danil Boyden & William Harise, Surveyers of highwayes.

John Chadwick, Sealer of Leather.

James Tailor, Clerk of ye markit.

Thomas Parker, Isaac Fisk, Field Drivers.

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*The article in the warrant referring to this matter was "for the Town to hear the Petition of Cpt. Danil How & others Inhabitents of ye Town of Shrewsbury Relating to maldin farm prefered to ye General Court a Coppy of which being Left with ye Selectmen of ye Town with ye order of the General Court thereon."

James Glassford, Nathanil moore Jur. obediah ward, Joseph Temple, Eliakem Rice, Hogreives.

Danil Holdin, Absalom Rice, Fence Veiwers.

Ebenezer Flagg, Edward Knight, James Boyd, Tythingmen.

Danil Hubberd, John Curtise, for ye preservation of Deer.

all ye aforesd officers Except ye Town Tresurer and John Chandler Esqr. assessors, ware Sworn in ye meeting by Coll Chandler.

voted that the Selectmen provide a Suitable & proper Schoole master the year Ensuing at the Charge of the Town.

The Selectmen Layd before the Town a Report of a highway to be opned Leading from halfway River by major Rices house towards the north Eand of the Long Pond which was Read and Voted that mr. Joshua Eaton, Ensign Ward and Cp^t^. Danil Heywood be a Comitte Carefully to inquire whether there was Land Left by the Propriators as is Set forth in Sd Report Especially through ye Land of Elisha Hodge and Report at ye adjournment of this meeting.

Voted that the Rams be Restrained from going at Large in ye Town of worcester from ye Tenth Day of august next till ye Tenth Day of November following on penelty of Ten Shillings to be payd by ye owner or owners of any Such Ram or Rams going at Large as aforesd to be Recovred by ye Town Tresurer to be applyed for ye use of ye poore in Said Town and that it Shall be Lawfull for any person being an Inhabitent of Said Town that Shall fiend any Ram or Rams going at Large as aforesd to Cutt any Such Ram and be Indemnified for his so doing.

Voted that ye Incourigment for Killing of Ratle Snaks for ye year Ensuing be one Shilling for Each provided the Tayl thereof be brought to the Town at a Town meeting and afterward Consumed to ashes.

Voted that the Incourigment for Killing of birds in this Town vizt blackbirds from ye first Day of april to ye Last day of may next and also for woodpeckers & Blue Jays ye whole year next Ensuing be three pence for Each head provided ye heads are brought and presented before ye Town at their meeting for Debt & Creditt.

Voted that Coll Chandler, m^r^. Joshua Eaton Jur. & m^r^. Pallmer Golding be a Comitte to Setle accts with ye Rev^d^ mr. Isaac Burr

and with the Late Town Treasurer and Transmitt the affair over to ye new Treasurer and procure a proper Discharge from mr. Burr.

Coll. Chandler from ye Comitte appointed by ye Town in may Last on the affair of the ministriall & Schoole Land Laid before the Town a Scheem for Leasing the Same which was Read and Referred to the adjournement of this meeting for ferther Consideration.

The Town took into Consideration the ninth article in the warrent Relating to John Star and after Some dabate had thereon Voted that Inasmuch as the Said John Star was Duly warned to Depart the Town and Said warning aproved by the Court of General Sessions of the peace that therefore he ought not to be a Town Charge but be returned to ye place he Last Come from before his Coming to this Town.

The aforesd votes past *Attest:* John Chandler, modr.

and then the meeting was adjourned to monday ye Twentythird Instent at two of the Clock afternoon and all Such matters as are not finished are Continued to Said Time for further Consideration

Attest: John Chandler, modr.

Memorandom at Sd meeting a Register of Deeds and a County Tresurer ware Chosen.

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at a Town meeting held at worcester by adjournment march 23^d^ 1740-1

voted that John Kathan Chosen Surveyr of highways and Sworn.

voted that ye Report of the way Leading to John Kathans be accepted & Recorded.

The Report of the Comitte about ye ministrial & School Land Read and the Question was put whether the Same be accepted it past in ye negative.

The Report of ye Selectmen Dated march 2^d^ : 1740-41 Reffered to this meeting Read & the Same being putt to vote it past in the negative. *Attest:* John Chandler, modr.

Worcester, march the 21 : 1740-1

whearas aplication hath been made to us the Subscribers Selectmen of worcester by m^r^. John Kathan of Said worcester Seting

forth to us the nessesity of having a Town way Layd out from Said Kathans house in worcester Leading into worcester Town untill it meets with ye Town way formerly Layd out by ye Selectmen of worcester as far as ye house of Samuel Dunkin in Said worcester we having taken into Consideration the Request of Said John Kathan are of oppinion that it is not only of nessesity but very Conveinent to Lay a way out as above Desired and therefore on ye Day and year aforesd have Layd out a way begining at Leicester Town Line near Said Cathans Dwelling house in worcester and from thence as ye path is now troden & made use of untill it Comes to Kittle Brook So Called to ye place whear ye Bridg is made over Said brook and So from Sd Bridg as the path is trod & used untill it Comes to Samuel Dunkins Dwelling house and So untill it meets with ye former Town way at ye SouthEast Corner of his field that the Selectmen of worcester hath allredy Layd out to be two Rods wide Excepting on ye north Side of Kitel Brook and from Sd Kitel Brook northward the way to be four Rods wide untill it Coms up to ye Top of ye hill for the Conveincy of making the way up Sd hill there are Trees marked on ye west Side of Sd way all which is Subbmited to the Said Town for acceptence only whear we begun at Leicester Line there is a Stake & Stones.

William Jenison
Pallmer Golding
James moore
John Stearns
} *Selectmen of worcester*

Worcester at an adjournment of the march meeting to march 23 : 1741 at two a Clock afternoon the above Report was Red & accepted by ye Town & ordered to be Recorded.

Attest: John Chandler, modr.

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at a Town meeting held at Worcester on monday the Eleventh day of may 1741 John Chandler Esqr. was Chosen modrator.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T Cler.

at Sd meeting voted the following Sums be granted to the following Persons vizt :

To william Callwell for 11 Ratle Snaks Tails	0.	11.	0
To Joseph Crosby for 3 Tails & 63 birds heads	0.	18.	0
To Samuel Duncan for 4 Tails	0.	4.	0
To John Chandler Esqr. 4 Ditto	0.	4.	0
To Cpt. Heywood 1 Ditto	0.	1.	0
To Charles Adams 4 Tails & 14 birds heads	0.	7.	6
To Henry Lee Esqr. 6 birds heads	0.	1.	6
To Tiras Rice 12 heads	0.	3.	0
To Elijah Cook 23 heads	0.	5.	9
To Cornelious waldo 13 Dito	0.	3.	3
To Thomas Glezen 13 Dito	0.	3.	3
To Benja. Gates 12 Dito	0.	3.	0
To Samuel Andrews 7 Dito	0.	1.	9
To Ensign Rice 20 Dito	0.	5.	0
To Nathaniel moore Jur. 12 Dito	0.	3.	0
To Decon moore 11 Dito	0.	2.	9
To Palmer Golding 11 Dito	0.	2.	9
To Ensign ward 17 Do	0.	4.	3

To major Rice and others for Repairing the Bridg by Ephriam Rices house, vizt:

To major Rice	0.	14.	0
To Ephraim Rice	0.	5.	0
To Absalom Rice	0.	5.	0
To Eliakem Rice	0.	5.	0
To Jonas Rice Jur.	0.	8.	0
To Abisha Rice	0.	5.	0
To Danil Dunkin	0.	5.	0
To Thomas Rice	0.	5.	0
To Jotham Rice	0.	5.	0
To Ensign ward for Sweeping & taking Care of ye meeting house one year	3.	0.	0
To James Furbus for James Hows Rates being Removed	1.	11.	11
To Samuell Rice for James meonkeys Rates he being Removed	2.	11.	6
To Samuel Rice for Isaac millors Pole Tax	1.	19.	11
To mr. Jenison for preaching	3.	0.	0
Voted that the Sum of Twenty pounds be granted to be Raised the present year for the School	20.	0.	0

voted that the Surplusag of the money granted the Last year after the Schools are payd for that were kept and the fifty pound

granted for ye Town Stock be applyed for the providing a Suitable and proper Schoole master for the year Ensuing Including the Twenty pounds granted this year.

voted that the Comitte for Settling accts with ye Rev^d^ mr. Burr and the Late Town Tresr not having Compleated that affair they are further hearby Impowered to Settle the Same and make Report thereof to the next Town meeting for approbation.

The fourth article* in the warrant was also by vote Refered over to ye Same time.

at Sd meeting ye foreging votes past

Attest: John Chandler, modr.

Att a Town meeting held at worcester on monday ye Sixteenth day of november A D 1741 being Regulerly assembled

at Said meeting John Chandler Esqr. was Chosen modr.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T Cler.

Voted that the accutt of Cp^t^. Benjamin Flagg Late Tresurer for ye Last year as Represented by John Chandler Esqr. and others a Comitte be accepted and allowed & ordered to Lye on file.

The Petition or Request of the Rev^d^ mr. Isaac Burr Relating to his Sallery was Read & Debated & thereupon voted that the Rev^d^ mr. Burrs Sallery for ye present year & during his Continuing in ye work of the ministry among us be made Eaqual to what money was at the time of his Settlement having Reguard to the Difference between Silver money & Bills of Creditt then and at this time and So annualy and that the assessors do from year to year Conform themselves thereto in making ye assessment Provided he give to the Town a full & ample discharge from any Demand on ye Town from ye Time of his Setlement to the End of the Last year for any Suposed Defeciency and ye assessors are to Inquire what ye Difference is at ye time of mr. Burrs Setlement and at this time and the Town allow Twentynine Shillings in paper to be Equall to one ounce of Silver at this time—— and major Rice, Cp^t^. Heywood,

* "In answer to ye Petition of Elisha Smith & others to See if ye manifactuery Bills Shall pay all Town Debts for ye year Ensuing."—*Warrant.*

Lt. Golding and Cpt. moore are appointed a Comitte to wait on mr. Burr and Know his mind hearin.

voted that ye Sum of forty Two Shillings & Seven pence be allowed to Robert Peables now of a place Called Lisborn Late Constable of this Town for Josiah Lyons Rates & that the Sum be added to ye Town Rate of this year.

voted that Sum of Thirty pounds be added to ye Town Rate and assessed on the Poles & Estates of ye Town this present year to be applyed for Supporting the Schools & other Charges.

voted that the Sum of forty pounds be assessed on the Poles and Estates of the Town this present year and added to ye Town Rate to be applyed for and Towards Paying for the one half of the Bell purchised by ye Town & County—and Henry Lee Esqr. & Cpt. Heywood are appointed a Comitte to See the building Erected for hanging ye Same on at ye place formerly agreed on by ye County and Town—Said Comitte to Joyn with the Comitte of the Court. that they Lay the one half part of the whole Charge & of hanging ye Same before ye Town for payment.

voted that the fifth article in ye warrant Relating to Thomas Adams about a Road being Layd through his Land be Continued to ye annual meeting in march next for further Consideration.

voted that ye Trustees of the Sixty Thousend pound Loan be disired to put a Speedy Issue to that affair that So the Town dont Suffer by their neglect and Cpt. Flagg, Leiut Golding & mr. Elijah Cook are appointed a Comitte fully to Inquire into that affair and Lay ye Same before ye Town at their next meeting or as Soon as may be that So it may be Known what is Coming to ye Town or what may be due to the Trustees.

The Seventh or Last article in ye warrent being fully debated the Question was put whether the Town would accept of the Road* therein Expressed & Save the Charge of a Jury Laying open the Same it past in the negative by grate majority.

The foregoing votes past

Attest: John Chandler, modr.

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*"—a Road Latly Layd out by a Comitte of the Court of Sessions Leading over Raccoon plain and through Elisha Hodges Land."

Worcester, Decemr 17 : 1741.

These presents may Certifie that this day Robert Barber Latly Chosen Constable for worcester Took the oath of office before me.

John Chandler, Justs peas.

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents of worcester Decem^r^ 14 1741 at Sd meeting Cp^t^. Danil Heywood was Chosen modrator.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T Cler.

at Sd meeting Robert Barber was Chosen Constable in the Room of alixander m^c^onkey he being Removed out of Town.

Voted that ye vote past ye Last Town meeting Relating to the Bell be Reconsidered & made voide.

voted that mesures Jonathan Gates, Joshua Eaton Jur. Danil ward, Elijah Cook & James Boyd be a Comitte to give Reasons to ye Court of Sessions why ye Town has not Layd out a Road through Elisha Hedges Land. *Attest:* Danil Heywood, modr.

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at a General Town meeting held at worcester march 8 : 1741-2 at Sd meeting John Chandler Esqr. was Chosen modrator.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T Cler.

at Sd meeting ye following officers ware Chosen, vizt :

John Chandler Esqr. Cp. Danil Heywood, Solomon Johnson, Elijah Cook, Joshua Eaton, Selectmen and assessors.

Jonas Rice, T. Clerk.

Coll. Chandler, T. Tresurer.

Ephrim Rice, Constable, p^d^ his fine.

william m^c^han, Richard Flagg, Constables.

Palmer Golding, John Stearns, absalom Rice, Zechery Hervey, Thomas Stearns, James Boyd, John Chadwick, nath^ll^ moore Jur. Joseph Temple, John Cathan, Surveyrs of highways.

John Chadwick, Sealer of Lether.

Cp^t^. Heywood, Cler of markitt.

Thomas Parker, Isaac Fisk, field drivers.

Elisha Hedge, Danil Dunkin, fenc viewrs.

Thomas Glezen, Joseph Crosby, Tythingmen.

Cpt. James moore, Ephriam Rice, to take Care of ye Deer.

John Gates, Danil Boyden, micall Lovewell, william Harise, Ebenezer Flagg, hogreves.

voted that the Selectmen provid a Suitable Schoolmaster at ye Charge of ye Town the present year.

voted that Palmer Golding, Cp. Heywood & James How be a Comitte to Setle accts with ye Town Tresr & also with ye Revd mr. Burr and Report at the next Town meeting.

Cpt. Flag & mr. Cook from ye Comitte appointed on ye affair of ye £60 000 Loan made Report which was Read & accepted & thereupon voted that upon ye Trustees paying unto ye Town Tresurer for the use of ye Town the Sum of Eleven pounds nine Shillings part of the Intrest remaining in their hands they be fully Discharged from any furthor Demands the remaining part of the Intrest money being allowed them for their Trouble.

voted that the allowence heartofore granted for Incourigment of Killing of wolves Rattlesnakes & birds be the Same for ye year Ensuing in all Regards.

voted that ye Constables for ye present & futer years and untill the Town Shall otherwise order be So far Excused fiom paying anything Towards the Taxes for that year for which they are Chosen for their own Poles that ye Same be Repayd them out of the Town Tresurey.

The Eighth article in ye warrant was negitived about alowing Tirus Rice & Danil ward anything for a highway going through their Land.

voted that in Respect of ye ninth article in ye warrant that ye Town will not Excuse mr. Dyer from paying his Taxes to mr. Constable How but that ye Town will Support ye Sd Constable in his Lawfully Colecting Such of the Taxes as are unpaid in Case Said Dyer Still Refuses to pay the Same.

voted that there be granted the Sum of one hundred & fourty pound Equal to the old Tenner Bills of Creditt for the purchising the bell wholly for ye use of the Town which ye Town & County had proposed to buy between them to be Leveyed as other Town Charges are agreeable to Law.

voted that this meeting be adjourned till monday ye 19 day of april next at two of ye Clock in ye afternoon and that the 5th article and what Remains of ye fourth article be Continued with the meeting then to be acted in if ye Town See Cause.

The aforegoing votes past at Sd meeting.

Attest: John Chandler, modr.

Worcester the 8th day of march 1741-2.

We ye Subscribers being Inhabitents of ye Town of worcester Protest against the proceedings of the Town meeting now held in ye meeting house in Said Town for that the Determination declared by the modrator of Said meeting Concerning voters in Said Town meeting is not according to the Laws of the Province in that Case made & provided but we are Totally Excluded thereby tho' Qualified according to Law.

Joseph Dyer
William Johnson
Zechariah Hervey

Worcester, april 19 : 1742.

Received of Cole^ll^ Chandler Town Tresurer on acct of my Sallery for ye year 1741 the Sum of one hundred & Forty pounds Bills of ye old Tenor I Say Received

℔ Isaac Burr.

£140. 00

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att a Town meeting Held at worcester april 19 : 1742 by adjournment from march 8 1741-2

voted that the Comitte for fencing ye burying place be desired with utmost Speed to accomplish that affair in Such manner as the major Part of them Shall Judge most for advantige and Lay their account before ye Town for allowence This article is in Consequence of the 4 article in ye warrant for ye march meeting nothing was acted on the 5 article* and then the meeting was Dissolved.

Attest: John Chandler, modr.

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* "Returns of Such Town Roads as have ben or Still may be Layd out before Sd meeting."—*Warrant.*

at a General Town meeting held at worcester april 19 : 1742
at Said meeting John Chandler Esqr. was Chosen modrator

Attest: Jonas Rice, T Cler.

at Said meeting voted that the following Sums be granted to the following Persons, vizt :

To Danil Biglo fifty three Birds heads	1.	5.	9
To Robert Gray three Tails & nine heads	0.	5.	3
Danil ward Twelve heads	0.	3.	0
Danil Hubert 2 Tails 20 heds & for 70 feet of plank	0.	15.	0
John Tatman Twelve heads	0.	3.	0
Elijah Cook Thirty four heads	0.	8.	6
Joseph Crosby fifty nine heds & for plank	1.	1.	3
Ephrim Rice fifty two heads	0.	13.	0
James How Twenty two heads & for plank	0.	9.	0
James Holdin nineteen heads	0.	4.	9
John Kathan Twelve heads	0.	3.	0
John Smith Three Tails	0.	3.	0
Thomas Rice fifty four heads	0.	14.	6
adam Johnson nine heads	0.	2.	3
John Chandler Esqr. Seven Tails Twenty five heads	0.	13.	3
Ensign Rice Sixty five heads	0.	16.	3
Isaac witherbee Six Tails & four heads	0.	7.	0
Danil willard for work don on ye meeting house	0.	8.	0
To Tirus Rice for Caring webstor out of Town	1.	10.	0
To Ensign ward for plank & taking Care of ye meeting house	3.	15.	0
To Elijah Cook for James magregrees Rates	2.	7.	7
Samuel Rice for James allexanders Pole Tax	1.	19.	11
To John Gates for nine Tails	0.	9.	0
	18.	18.	5
voted that one hundred pound be granted for the Suport of a Schoole ye year Ensuing to be disposed of to the best advantige by ye Selectmen	100.	0.	0
	119.	18.	15

voted that nine months of the Schooling be divided into four quarters of the Town Equaly and the Schoole to be kept at Deacon moors, Thomas Parkers, Henry Lees Esqr. and mr. Elisha Smiths the other Three months at the School house agreeable to former votes.

Cpt. Heywood & James How Two of the Comitte for Examining ye Town Tresurers accuts made Report under their hands which was Read & accepted & ordered to Lye upon file.

voted that the Selectmen as assessors do Imediatly make the assessment of the one hundred and fourty pound for the Bell as near as may be according to the List of Estates for ye Last year haveing Reguard to persons Removed out of ye Town or into the Town.

voted that the Selectmen Lease out ye Schoole Lands near the meeting house for ye present year.

voted that all the money due to the Town from persons not Serving as Constables to this time the Rent of ye Schoole Lands hetherto and for the present year and the money due from the Trustees amounting in ye whole to the Sum of fourty one pound fifteen Shillings and one peney be applyed Towards paying the Town Debts and that all the Taxes to be made this present year for payment of the Town debts that Sum Less then the whole Grants will be.

Decon moore one of the Trustees of ye 60. 000 Loan agreeable to ye vote of the Town in march Last payd Eleven pound nine Shillings for the Service of the Town.

voted that they be discharged fully from any further Demands Respecting that affair.

ordered that the Revd mr. Burrs Receipt for ye Last year be Read & kept on file.

The aforegoing affairs ware Transacted & voted at Said meeting.

Attest: John Chandler, modr.

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at a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitents held at worcester on monday the 17th day of may A D 1742 upon Due warning given John Chandler Esqr. was Chosen modrator.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T. Clerk.

voted that the following Sums of money in old Tener be Granted & to be Leveyed & assessed agreeable to Law for the following uses namely—

to Gidian Baker for his Town & ministr Rates for ye year 1741	17.	0.	10
To David Bancroft for his Taxes ye Last year	2.	8.	0
To James Donlap his Bell Rate	0.	12.	2
To Doctor Hervey for 18 Tails & 10 heads	1.	0.	6
To Samuel Thomas fo Twenty 4 Tails	1.	4.	0
To Jotham Rice 4 heads	0.	1.	3
To Cpt. moore 32 heads	0.	8.	0
To Samuel Andrew 1 Tail	0.	1.	0
To Thomas Parker 10 heads	0.	2.	6
To Cpt. Flagg 6 heads	0.	1.	6
To John Chandler 72 heads & 4 Tails	1.	2.	0
To Thomas Rice 18 heads	0.	4.	6
To Joseph Clerk 34 heads	0.	8.	6
To John Chandler Jur. for nails	0.	9.	0
To Richard ward for plank	0.	10.	6
To Palmer Golding for 119 feet of plank Seven heads and Six Tails	1.	2.	1
To Danil willard for work on ye meeting house	1.	10.	0
To Phineas Pratt for his Pole Tax to [ ] Bell	0.	11.	0

voted that all Such Persons as Shall within three weeks bring Tails or heads to ye Town Tresurer Shall be allowed them provided they are burnt and the money to pay for them be added to ye Sums alredy granted.

In answer to ye Request of the Rev^d^ mr. Isaac Burr of the 17th of april last to ye Selectmen to be Communicated to the Town it was voted by a Grate majority that his Sallery for the future Shall be fifty pounds Lawfull money of this Province and the assessors are Derected annualy To assess & Levey the Same agreeable to Law provided he give the Town a full & ample Discharge from all Demands on any account to the Close of the Last year which he has or may apprehend he hes on the Town for any Deficiencys or otherwise and the Selectmen or the major part of them are appointed a Comitte to Inform him of this vote and to take his Discharge & See the Same Entred on Record in ye Town Book & to be kept on file.

The 4 article in ye warrent Relating to a part of the Town being Set of with part of Sutton &c. Into a Seprate Town being Read and a Debate had Thereon the Question was put if ye Town would

grant ye Same So far as they Could it pased in the negative & Thereupon voted that ye Petition be desmissed.

The fifth article in ye warrent being Read the Question was put whether the Schoole which at ye Last Town meeting was ordered to be Kept at mr. Elisha Smiths in ye Quarter of the Town Called Cp^t^. moores Quarter be Removed & kept at Said moores House as usual it passt in ye affirmative.

Attest: John Chandler, mod.

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at a Town meeting held at worcester July 19 : 1742

at Sd meeting John Chandler Esqr. was Chosen modrator

Attest: Jonas Rice, T Cler.

at Said meeting the Selectmen Laid before the Town a List of persons Qualified to Serve as Jurymen agreeable to Law which was accepted of by the Town and one quarter part of the names weare by the [ ] voted to Serve at the Supeirour Courts & Courts of asize—and the Rest at ye Courts of Sessions and Infeirour Courts and put into Separate boxes accordingly The Lists are as follows vizt :

The Infeirour Court.

major Jonas Rice	mr Edward Knight Jur	mr Danil Biglo
mr Palmer Golding	mr Robert Blare	mr Ebenezer willington
mr Danil Boyden	mr Joseph Rug	mr Isaac witherby
mr Elisha Flagg	mr Joseph Crosby	mr John Hill
mr David Young	mr Thomas Parker	mr James Forbus
mr Abisha Rice	mr Thomas Glezen	mr Danil ward
mr James Goodwin	mr Isreal Jenison	mr Danil Dunkin
mr Joseph Temple	mr Tirus Rice	mr obadiah ward
mr Robert Gray	mr mathew Gray	mr Samll Thomas
mr Jotham Rice	mr Andrew mcfarlind	mr Thomas Adames
mr Samuel Eaton	mr Charles Adames	mr James How
mr Robert Barber	mr micah Lovell	mr Samll Andrew
mr william Jenson	mr Absalom Rice	mr Isaac Fisk
mr Jacob Holmes	mr Benja Gates	mr Francis Harrington
mr Jonas Rice Jur.	mr Jonathan Gates	mr John Gates
mr Elikiam Rice	mr Nathll Spring	mr Joseph Clerk
mr Timothy Green	mr Ebenezer Flagg	mr Jonathan Bullerd
mr william Gray Jur.	mr Nathll moore Jur.	

ye Supeirour Court.

Decon Nathanil moore	mr Thomas Rice	mr Isaac moo[r]e
mr Thomas wheeler	mr James Holdin	mr John Cirtice
mr Joshua Eaton	mr John Stearns	mr Thomas Stearns
mr Samuel mower	mr James Boyd	mr Elisha Hedge
mr Elisha Smith	mr Danil Hubbard	mr Joshua Child
mr John Chadwick	mr Gershom Rice Jur.	C James moore

The article in the warrent Relateing to the Bell was put off to the adjournment of this meeting till the fierst monday of Septembor next at three a Clock in the afternoon then to be Considred of &c[t]. and the meeting was by a vote adjourned accordingly to Said time. *Attest:* John Chandler, modrator.

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at a Town meeting held at worcester august 9 : 1742 at five a Clock afternoon for y[e] Choice of Jurymen.

at Said meeting mr. James Boyd & mr. Isreal Jenison ware Chosen to Serve on y[e] Grand Jury at y[e] Supeirour Court &c.

and Decon Nath[ll] moore, mr. Thomas Stearns & mr. Elisha hedg, mr. Isaac moore ware Drawn to Serve on y[e] Jury of Tryals at y[e] above Sd Court.

and Edward Knight Jun. at y[e] Infeirour Court &c.

Jonas Rice, T Cler.

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at a Town meeting held at worcester January 17 : 1742-3 at four a Clock afternoon for y[e] Choice of a Juryman at Sd meeting Elisha Flag was Drawn to Serve on the Jury of Tryals at y[e] Court in Febry following. *Attest:* Jonas Rice, T Cler.

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att a meeting of y[e] Qualified voters of y[e] Town of worcester Septembor 6 : 1742 att Three a Clock afternoon held by adjournment from y[e] 19 of July Last.

persuant to the vote of the Town at Said meeting the Town now Took into Consideration the article in the warrant Relating to hanging the Bell and granting money for y[e] Same and Come into y[e] following vote—

vizt : that a Suitable and afectual Steeple be Erected at the west End of the meeting house adjoyning Thereto to hang the Bell on to be handsomly and Compleatly finished and of Such Dementions in all Regards as ye Comitte to be apointed Shall Judge proper in which they are to make Three Doars.

That the Sum of one hundred & forty pounds Equal to old Tener be and hearby is granted to be Leveyed on the Poles and Estates as other Town Charges are and to be made and assessed with the other Sums alredy Granted to be Collected and paid to the Town Tresurer by the fierst of march next which Sum togther with Sixty pounds Subscribed by perticular persons be applyed for building Sd Steeple and hanging the Bell and to be payd by the Town Tresurer for that purpose as he Shall Receive orders for ye Same from ye Selectmen.

and Messurs Thomas Stearns, Palmer Golding, Danil ward, James Boyd and Danil Hubbard be the Comitte to See the affair Compleated by Leting out the Same to Some good workman or workmen and to be Effected as Soon as may be.

The aforesd votes passed at Sd meeting.

Attest: John Chandler, modr.

Worcester march 7 : 1742-3.

William Gray Jur. was Chosen to Serve on ye Jury of Tryals at the Court in may next.

and m^r^. Robert Barber to Serve on the Grand Jury the year Ensuing. *Attest:* Jonas Rice, T Cler.

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att a General Town meeting held at Worcester march 7 : 1742-3 Regulerly assembled for ye Choice of Town officers for ye year Ensuing &ct.

att Said meeting John Chandler Esqr. was Chosen modrator.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T Cler.

John Chandler Esqr. mr. Thomas wheelor, C Danil Heywood. C Benj^a^ Flagg, mr. Palmer Golding, Selectmen & are Sworn assessors.

major Jonas Rice, T Cler.

Thomas Parker, Charles Adames, Constables & payd their fine.

michiall Lovel, Thomas Adames'.

John Chandler Esqr. Town Tresr.

John Curtise', Palmer Golding', James Holdin', John Boyden', Samuell moore', Danil ward', James Boyd', Elisha Smith', D N moore', John Kathan, Surveyrs of highways.

John Chadwick', Sealor of Letther.

Joseph Clerk', Francis Herrington', field Drivers.

Elisha Hedge', Absalom Rice', Fence Viewers.

Abisha Rice', Abraham wheelor', Tythingmen.

Solomon Johnson', Ephriam Rice', Deer Reives.

Jonathan Gates', Adonijah Rice', william Harrise', Robert Gray', william Gray', hogreives.

John Curtice', Cler of ye markitt.

all the officers that have a Dot Set against their names wear Sworn to ye faithfull Discharg of their Respective offices.

The County Tresurer was voted for and the Constable Took ye votes.

voted that the Selectmen be Directed & hearby are fully Impowered to provid a Good & Suitable Schoole master for ye year Ensuing.

voted that Leiutt Golding, Cp. Heywood & m^r^. James How be a Comitte To Settle accutts with the T Tresurer and the Revd m^r^. Isaac Burr & Report thereon.

Voted that the Roads Layd out by ye Selectmen and by them a Return made to this meeting for acceptence be accepted & allowed vizt :

one Road Leading from Joseph Grays by Robrt Barbers To Town. one from mr. Thomas wheelors and a Drift Road through his Land to land of william Earl. and a Cart or Drift Road through Land of Danil Biglo & John Boyden to ye french River medows as in ye Returns they are Severly Expressed.

voted that ye bounty or Incourigment for Killing of wolves Rattle Snaks Birds be Continued for ye year Ensuing.

a Petition of Ephraim Curtis, Thomas Richerdson & others Living on the Countrey Gore So Called Lying between this Town & Sutton Praying the Town to give their Consent that Said

Gore of land with the Inhabitents thereof may be annexed to ye Town for the Reasons in their Said Petition mentioned

voted that the Town Chearfully accept of their offer and pray they be annexed to & for ye future be accounted as a part of ye Town of worcester to doe Duty & Enjoye Equel previledges with us If it may be Consistent with ye wisdom of the Grate & General Court to annex them to the Town.

voted that the Comitte for fenceing the burying place be Desired with all possible Speed to Compleat that affair and that ye Same be Inclosed with a Board fence lett Into Cedar posts and Lay their accuts before ye Town for payment.

voted that ye Selectmen be a Comitte to Run & Renew the bounds of the ministeriall & School lands with all Conveinint Speed & if any persons have Tresspassed thereon to Enquire who they are & Report to the Town thereof and Further that they be & hearby are fully Impowred To Lease out all or any part of the Schoole Lands and medows for the most they Can for a Term of years not Exceeding Seven in which they are to use their best Discretion and to give notice of the time and place of meeting for that purposs.

and that for ye present the Southrly part of the School land near the burying place be not Leased out but that a Strait line from the Southwest Corner thereof or from ye South East Corner of John Chandlers Jur. land to ye Little Bridg in ye Road below the burying place be fixed & that what Lyes without be not Improved till the further order of the Town.

In answer to the nineth article in ye warrant

voted that in as much as it will be very Chargable to ye Town to have the Sheriff with a Jury to open the Road therein Referred to that therefore the Town doe hearby accept of the Road agreeable to the Report of Nahum ward Esqr. Samuel willerd & John Keys Esqrs. a Comitte of ye Court of General Sessions of ye peace held at worcester in august A D 1741 and made to Said Court in november following and by that Court accepted and that the Road be opened accordingly.

The afore Votes passed at Sd meeting,

Attest: John Chandler, modr.

Worcester ye Seventh Day of march 1742-3.

I ye Subscriber being an Inhabitent of ye Town of worcester in the Province of ye massachusets Bay in New England Protest against the Proceedings of ye Town meeting now held in ye meting house in Said Town for that ye List of persons allowed to vote in Said meeting is not according to the Law of ye Said Province in that Case made & provided by which List they have not only Excluded me Tho' Qualified according to Law but have also wholly Excluded william Johnson, Danil Dunkin, John Gates, Noah Jones, John Kathan, Absalom Rice, Samuel Ralstone, Luke Brown, Richard Flagg, Elisha Flagg, Joseph Gray, John Hill, william martain, Ebenezer willington, David young & John Hamblton and Several others Inhabitents of Sd Town that are Qualified according to Law.

Joseph Dyar.

Worcester January 28 : 1742-3.

Whearas the Inhabitents of the Town of worcester at a meeting Regulerly assembled on monday the 17th day of may A D 1742 did by a grate majority vote that for the future my Sallrey Should be fifty pounds Lawfull money of this Province provided I gave to the Town a full and ample Discharge from all Demands on any accuts to the Close of ye Last year which I may apprehend I have on the Town for any Defisiency or otherwise I do therefor hearby Redily Declare my acknowlidgment for their handsome vote or grant and I accept the Same and do hereby fully and absolutly acquitt and Discharge the Town from any Demands for any Deficiency in my Sallery or any accutt whatsoever to the Close of ye Last year and hearby Do absolutly debarr myself my heirs Execut^r^s & adminstrs of and from any Demands whatsoever on accu^tt^ of my Sallrey or any Deficiency thereof from my Setlement to ye Close of the Last year as aforesd as witness my hand the Day & year aforesaid.

Isaac Burr.

Worcester, Ss. January 28 : 1742-3.

The Rev^d^ mr. Burr acknowlidged the above & foregoing to be his act and Deed before me. John Chandler, Jus^t^ peces.

at the Desire of Sundry persons we ye Subscribers Selectmen of worcester have laid out the following Town Road or way vizt :

begining at a heep of Stones a Littel westward of a pond hole in ye Northernly bounds of land which Joseph Gray bought of major Thomas Green & from thence Extending Southerly on ye best land for a way to a white oak Tree marked in Sd Grays Southrly bounds & Continueing near ye Corse till it Comes to ye Estrly Side of a little Swamp & there bearing westrly to ye line between Said Greens land & land of ye Hoarbl Samuel waldo Esqr. South of Said Swamp & thence Southrly in ye line between Said Gentlm land to be of Equel wedth out of both their land till it Comes to land of Josiah Flagg which he bought of Said Green & is his Southwestrly Corner & there to run between Said waldos land & land of Sd Flagg till it Comes to Small Distence South of weasele Brook to an old Path way and thence Southwestrly in Said old path near as the Same goes vizt : on ye most Suitable land for a Road till it Comes to ye house of Robert Barber Said Barber making ye Road through his Improvements good at his own Cost & Charge and from Sd Barbers house as ye path goes over his mill Brook & then as Soon as ye land will admitt to pass between land of mr. Cornelious waldo & Thomas Gleason to Sd Gleasons Southwestrly Corner & thence near as ye path is trod hurting Said waldos plain as litle as may be and as near to Dansons medow as ye land will Reasonably admitt of till it meets with ye Road or way Leading from ye house william martin now Dwells in to ye meeting hous ye Road to be two pearch wide.

Worcester february 5 : 1742-3

John Chandler
Danil Heywood
Solomon Johnson
} *Selectmen of worcester*

at ye march meeting in worcester ye 7th day 1742-3 we laid ye within Road before ye Town for approbation and wear Informed that ye Honrbl Samuel waldo Esqr. Joseph Gray & Robert Barber are Consenting hearto.

John Chandler
Danil Heywood
Solomon Johnson
} *Selectmen of worcester*

Worcester Ss. at ye anual Town meeting in worcester march 7 : 1742-3 ye within Road was accepted ℔ ye Town.

Attest: John Chandler, modr.

Worcester febry 20th : 1742-3.

at the Desire of Sundry persons we ye Subscribers Selectmen of ye Town of worcester have Repaired to Bogachoag in order to Lay out a Road going partly through land of Danil Biglo & partly through land of John Boyden till it meets with the French River medows So Called and are of opinion that there is an absolute necessity for a Road for People to Cart of their heay &c : and therefore Report our opinion for the Towns acceptence that ye Propriators of Said medow have Liberty to pass from the Countrey Road leading to oxford through the Southrly part or Southeastrly Corner of Danil Biglos Land angleing as ye path is now trod and through the north westrly Corner of John Boydens land as ye path is now trod to ye French River & So over the River Said way to be only a Drift way for Carting hay &c : the people So passing Carfully to put up the Bars and further that ye Propriators of Said medow have Liberty of Carting a Cross the medow of nathanil moore Jur. for their hay.

John Chandler, Danil Heywood, Elijah Cook } *Selectmen of worcester*

Worcester Ss. at the annual Town meeting in worcester march 7 : 1742-3 the within Report was accepted ℔ ye Town.

Attest: John Chandler modr.

Worcester march 7 : 1742-3. at ye Desire of Sundry persons In ye month of Decembor Last & Sence we laid out a Town way as follows vizt : to begin in ye bounds between the the Land of Thomas wheeler and James Trobridg whear ye Road is now trod and from thence between Said Trowbridgs land as ye way is now used till it meets with David Youngs land then partly a Cross Said Youngs land partly a Cross land formerly laid out to Palmer [oulton?] & waldo Crossing halfway River by a line of mark trees till it Comes into ye Road leading from Solomon Johnsons house

to Isaac moores the Road to be two parch wide on ye Southrly Side the marks which we now present to ye Town for allowence and apprehend the Same to be very needfull for persons living that way we also Report by the Consent of ye Said wheelor that from whear we began on ye above Road there be a bridle or Drift Road laid out Through Said wheelors land in ye place that will doe him ye least Damige and that will Suite best for a bridle & Drift way to the Eastrly part of the land now belonging to william Earl which was formerly James Thorntons for ye accomodating those that doe now & may hearafter dwell there to Come to Town.

John Chandler
Danil Heywood
Solomon Johnson
Elijah Cook
} *Selectmen of worcester*

at ye annual meeting in worcester march 7 : 1742-3 this Report was accepted ℔ the Town.

Attest: John Chandler, modrator.

Province of the massachusets Bay }

To his Excelcy Govrner Shirley the honble Counsel & Represenitives in Gener^l^ Court assembled at Boston march 31 : 1743.

The Petition of the Subscribers Dwelling on or Intrested in Lands lying between the Towns of worcester and Sutton in the County of worcester humbly Shews that your Petitioners have always attended on the publick worship of God with our friends of worcester that we have always payd Province and County Taxes there and no where Else.

That on our Petition to the Town of worcester in march Instent at the annual meeting they ware pleased to Express their willingness to Receive us as per our Petition & their Vote Copies whearof accompeny this will appear.

Whearfore your Petitioners humbly pray your Excy & honrs would be pleased in your grate Goodness to anex y^s^ togther with the Lands Lying between worcester and Sutton Commonly Called

the Gore to the Town of worcester there to doe Duty & Receive Priviledge & as in Duty bound Shall ever pray.

John Barber	Eph[r]aim Curtis
Thos Richardson	Jabez Tatman
Danil Boyden	mathias Rice
Jonas woodard	Timo Green

Worcester, Ss.

I Certifie that the Petitioners within mentioned have from their begining payd Province and County Taxes to the Town of Worcester. Jonas Rice, T Cler of worcester.

march 29 : 1743.

In the house of Represves april 5 : 1743.

Read and ordered that the Prayer of the Petition be granted and that the Petitioners be and they hearby are togther with their lands and Estates hearin mentioned lying between worcester and Sutton Commonly Called the Gore be annexed to the Said Town of worcester there to do Du[t]y and Receive priviledge accordingly.

Sent up for Concurrence

T Cushing, Spekr.

In Councel april 5 : 1743 Read & Concurred

J willerd, Secery.

Consented to

W Shirly.

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at a Town meeting held at worcester may 16 : 1743 Regulery assembled John Chandler Esqr. was Chosen modrator.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T Clerk.

John Chandler Esqr. Town Tresurer laid before the Town his accut whearby it appears that the Several payments he hes made amounts to yc Sum of Two hundred & fifty Six pounds fourteen Shillings & one peny old Tener.

Voted that he be Discharged of So much and that further accut for yc Sum of Two hundred & Six pound Two Shillings & Seven pence old Tener when Received.

Voted that the Several Sums following be granted to be payd to ye persons to whome ye Same is Due in Sums following vizt :

To Richard Flagg for williams Bell Tax	0.	2.	10
To Ditto for Solomon Gates Taxes	0.	12.	6 3-4
To nathaniel Spring for his Taxes	0.	6.	1
To Gidian Baker for his Taxes			
To abisha Rice for his Sons Bell Tax	0.	12.	6 3-4
To Danil Dunkin his Sons Pole Tax	0.	12.	6 3-4
To John Chandler Jur. for a Lock for ye pound	0.	2.	9
To major Rice for Charges about ye Road alowed by ye Sessions	1.	10.	0
To Danil ward for Taking Care of ye meetinghouse	0.	15.	0
To Thomas Stearns for 370 feet of plank	0.	11.	1
To Ebenezer Flagg for 140 feet plank	0.	4.	1 1-2
To Richard ward for Sawing plank	0.	6.	3
To James Boyd for plank &c	0.	6.	0
To David Young 12 heads & 2 tails	0.	1.	3
To william Johnson for work	0.	5.	0
To william Harrise for his Bell Tax	0.	12.	3
To Edward knight for Tails	0.	0.	6
To Elisha Smith 58 heads & Two Tails	0.	4.	6
To Joseph Crosby 11 heads	0.	2.	9
To Danil Knight 2 heads			1 1-2
To Isaac witherbee 2 Tails	0.	0.	6
Charles adames 12 heads 1 Tail	0.	1.	0
Elijah Cook 11 heads	0.	2.	9
To Decon moore 31 heads	0.	1.	11 1-4
To Thomas Parker 1 head	0.	0.	3-4
To william mahan 2 heads 1 Tail	0.	0.	4 1-2
To michal Lovell 27 heads	0.	1.	8 1-4
To Ephraim Curtise 14 heads	0.	0.	10 1-2
To Thomas Rice 13 heads 20 Tails	0.	5.	9 3-4
To Palmer Golding 11 heads	0.	0.	8 1-4
To Docter Hervey 11 heads	0.	0.	8 1-4
To Cpt. Flagg 4 heads	0.	0.	3
Voted that in Consideration of Grate Sickness in Francis Heringtons family his Taxes for ye Last year be repaied him being	1.	0.	3 3-4

Voted that Twenty pounds Lawfull money be granted for & Towards the Suport of a School the year Ensuing to be Disposed of by the Selectmen for ye best advantige.

voted that the above Sums amounting To Twenty nine pounds four Shillings and Sixpence be assessed on the Poles and Estates of the Town agreeable to Law—by the assessors of the present year.

at Sd meeting Zechriah Hervey was Chosen Surveyor of highways for ye year Ensuing & Sworn.

The Said Zechriah Hervey was Chosen Constable in ye Room of michal Lovell who was Excused by the Court and having the oath Tendred to him in the meeting he Refused and Said he would not Serve but on ye 15th of august 1743 he took the oath of Constable before me John Chandler. Jus^t^ pe.

voted that in answer to the article in ye warrant Respecting a School being kept in ye midle of the Town Constently that Coll. Chandler, major Rice, Cp^t^. Heywood, mr. Thomas wheelor, Cp^t^. moore, mr. John Curtis, mr. James How, Leiu^t^. Rice, mr. Cook, Decon moore, L Goulding, mr. Elisha Smith and mr. Robert Barber be a Comitte to project and Lay before the Town at ye adjournment of this meeting a proper Scheem therefor and for Suporting proper Schooling in the out parts of ye Town.

Voted that in answer to ye Last article in ye warrant major Rice, Decon moore, Coll. Chandler, Leiut. Golding, mr. Thomas wheelor, Cp. moore, mr. Danil Hubbard & Lieut. Rice be a Comitte for Seeting the meetinghouse that for Generall Rules they Govrn themselves by age pay & Station or usefullness in ye Town and that they act therein according to their best Judgment and Discretion.

voted that in Case the Town Tresur pay any of the above Sums Granted at this meeting he be allowed the Same— and Such money as may be wanting for the Suport of the School the whole year more then the Twenty pounds now Granted be taken out of the Surplusage that will be in the Treasurs hands of the Last years assessment when Reced and the other money Due to ye Town.

voted that this meeting be adjourned to the Second monday in June to meet at ye meetinghouse at Eight of the Clock in ye morning.

The aforegoing votes ware past at Sd meeting

Attest: John Chandler, modr.

at a General Town meeting held at worcester august 29 : 1743 Regulerly assembled at Sd meeting John Chandler Esqr. was Chosen modr. *Attest:* Jonas Rice, T Clerk.

voted that Several Sums following be granted to be payd to ye persons to whome ye Same is due—in Lawfull money.

vizt : To Tyrus Rice for 7 birds heads & one Tail	0	0	5 1-4
To Samuel andrew for 9 birds & one Tail	0	0	9 3-4
To Palmer Golding for 3 birds & 2 Tails	0	0	8 3-4
To Cpt. Flagg for 5 birds	0	0	3 3-4
To John Chandler Esqr for 354 birds	1	2	2
To John Chadwick for 30 birds	0	0	7 1-2
To Francis Herington for 2 birds 2 Tails	0	0	7 1-2
To Thomas wheeler five birds	0	0	3 3-4
To Joseph Crosby 22 birds	0	1	10 1-2
To Benja. Crosby for 15 birds	0	0	11 1-4
To Danil Heywood 8 birds	0	0	6
To Samuel mower 1 bird 3 Tails	0	0	9 1-4
To Elisha Smith 40 birds	0	2	6
Sum Totall Thirty two Shillings 7 1-4	1	12	7 1-4

and the assessors are Directed to assess ye Same with ye other Town Charges.

Upon Reading a Pitition of Danil Boyden in behalf of himself and others Praying for a Seperate and Distinct Pricenct to be made partly out of this Town and partly out of Leicester Sutton and oxford prefered to ye General Court and of which the Town have been Served with a Coppy to give in answer thereto it was voted as follows, vizt :

that altho ye bounds or Lands prayd for are very uncertain yet by a Plan Laid by Said Boyden before the Town it appears beyound Dispute that on that part of ye Land prayd for to belong to ye new pricinct being a part of worcester there are about Thirty families Included of which but Eleven whereof are now Pititioners of which Six are not voters and one is a Single Indian. that the Line will Come within about one mile and half of the present meeting house which has been finished but of Late years and the Town are now Erecting at Considerable Cost & Charg a Steeple thereto for hanging a Bell and if a pricenct be made and Should

Come So near to the Said house it must of Course be a meens of the Same being Removed a Considerable Distence to the no Small Cost & Grate Damige of the Town and as they are Two to one in the Limits prayd for against Going of tis to be feared they would be a Contentious Scocity and further that as the Town have been Latlely Divided into Two Towns now to have about fourty poles Taken of would Grately weeken us wherefore voted that the Selectmen or the major part of them be a Comitte in the name of the Town to make answer to Said Pitition and use all proper methods to prevent a pricinct being made that Shall Include any part of this Town and to Cause the Same to be prefered to the General assembley and Inforced and that the Same be prefered by Capt. Flagg our present Representative.

Attest: John Chandler, modr.

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att a Town meeting of ye Inhabitents of worcester Duely Qualified and Regulerly assembled at the meetinghouse in Said Town on monday the 24 day of october 1743

John Chandler Esqr. was Chosen modr.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T Cler.

The following vote past unanimously vizt: In as much as the meeting is but thin and the affairs to be Transacted of Consequence and Relate prinsiply to ye Raising of money Therefore voted that this meeting be adjourned to monday the last day of october Instent at one of the Clock after noon Then to meet at this place to act on the perticulers mentioned in ye warrant and ye Town Clerk is Directed to post on ye Signpost a Certificate of Said adjournment. *Attest:* John Chandler, modrator.

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at a Town meeting of the Inhabitents of worcester duly Qualified and assembled at ye meetinghouse in Said Town this 31 day of october 1743 by adjournment from the 24 Instent.

voted that ye Sum of Three pounds Lawfull money be assessed on the Polls and Estats agreeable to Law with ye money allredy granted for Town Charges to be payd to ye Town Tresurer & he to pay ye County Tax and to be accountable for ye Surplusage if any be.

voted that Thirty four Shillings & Six pence be alowed to John Chandler Esqr. for mending Glase &ct.

voted that the Sum of Twenty five pounds Lawfull money be Leveyed and assessed on Polls and Estates as other Town Charges to be applyed for the finishing the Steeple and hanging the Bell and to be payd by the Town Tresurer agreeable to Such orders as he Shall Receive from the Selectmen and the Comitte for Erecting the Steeple or the major part of them be Impowred to Lett out the work to Some Suitable person by the Great—and that they have ye Bell hung and the upper part of the work done Compleat by the last day of november next and the body inclosed and the whole finished by the Last day of next april provided it Can be done for Thirty five pound Lawfull money or one hundred & fourty pound old Tener the workman finding Every thing and that the aforesd Sums be assessed with the Sums heartofore Granted and all paid to the Town Tresurer by the first day of march next.

voted that the Comitte or the major part of them be Directed to new Claboard the west Eand of the meetinghouse as Soon as may be and lay their acctt before ye Town for payment.

The aforegoing votes ware past at the adjournment of the meeting. *Attest:* John Chandler, modr.

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at a General Town meeting held at worcester December 12 : 1743

at Sd meeting John Chandler Esqr. was Chosen modrator.

Attest: Jonas Rice, Town Cler.

voted that Coll. Chandler, Decon moore, major Rice, M^r^. John Curtis & M^r^. Samuel mower be a Comitte fully authorized to Examin and Settle accounts with the Several persons who have any demands for labour materialls provisons &ct for the Steeple to the Compleating the Raising thereof and up[on] Such Settlement they are desiered to Return a List of Such accounts to the Selectmen who are hearby impowered to Draw orders on the Town Tresr for the payment thereof Respectively.

Attest: John Chandler, modrator.

Worcester the 12 day of march 1743-4.

I the Subscriber being a Inhabitent of the Town of worcester in ye Province of the massachusets Bay in New England Protest against the proceedings of the Town meeting now held in ye meetinghouse in Said Town for that the List of persons allowed to vote in Said meeting is not made agreeable to the Laws of this Province in that Case made & provided by which List they that have Signed it as assessors have not only excluded me Tho' Qualified according to Law but have also wholy Excluded william Johnson, Danil Dunkin, John Kathon, Absalom Rice. Samuell Railstone, Jonas ward, Luke Brown, Richard Flagg, Elisha Flagg, John Hill, william martin, David young & John Hamblton and Several others Inhabitents of Said Town that are Qualified according to Law.

Joseph Dyer.

at a General Town meeting held at worcester march 12 : 1743-4 for the Choice of Town officers and other Town affairs att Said meeting John Chandler Esqr was Chosen modrator.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T Cler.

at the above Said meeting the following persons ware Chosen Town officers for ye year Ensuing vizt :

John Chandler Esqr., Cp. Danil Heywood, Benj^a^. Flagg Esqr. m^r^. Thomas wheelor, m^r^. John Chadwick, Selectmen.

Jonas Rice, Town Cler.

the Selectmen apointed assessors.

michel Lovewell, Constable.

Nathanil moore, Constable.

michol Lovewell in Sd meeting prayd that Docter Hervey might be admitted in his Room and promised to give Bond to Indemnfie the Town whearupon he was Sworn in the meeting.

Isreal Jenison, James Holdin, John Gates, Danil Huberd, Thomas wheelor, Docter Hervey, Elisha Smith Jur. Thomas Richerdson. Thomas Rice, Thomas Parker, John Chandler Jur. Robert Barber. Surveyers of Highways.

John Chadwick, Sealer of Lether.

Jonathan Gates, Francis Herington, Field Drivers.

Andrew mackfarlind, william mahan, Fence viewers.

Jotham Rice, John Boyden, Tythingmen.

Cp. James moore, James Goodin, Dear Reeves.

John Johnson, David Bancroft, will Harise, Edward Knight Jur. Jezeniah Rice, Joseph Clerk Jur., hogreeves.

John Chandler, T Tresr.

John Curtice, Cler of ye markit.

The persons Chosen into the Respective offices weare Sworn to the faithfull Discharg of their office.

℔ John Chandler Esqr. Justice peace.

voted that the Selectmen be desired to provide a Suitable and Legal Schoolemaster fo[r] the Town the year Ensuing as usual.

voted That Jonas Rice & Benj^a^. Flagg Esqr. m^r^. Samuel mower and m^r^. James How be a Comitte to Setle accu^ts^ with the Town Tresrr and also with ye Rev^d^ mr. Isaac Burr and Report thereon as Soon as may be.

voted that the Incourigment for Killing wolves & Rattle Snakes be Continued for the present year as heartofore.

The Seventh article in ye warrant Relating to a Report of m^r^. Jonathan Gates being withdrawn by him in the meeting nothing was acted Thereon.

voted that ye Petition of michol Hamblton and others* Contained in ye Sixth articl be Referred to ye adjournment of this meeting.

The Selectmen made Report that they apprehended it might be of Service to alter a Road Runing through mr. Samuel mowers land at Tadnick which was approved of by the Town & ordered to be Recorded.

The Selectmen also made Report of a Town Road by them laid out of Three Rods wide from Jonas woodwards land to Thomas Rices &c as ℔ ye Return appears which was approved off by ye Town and ordered to be Recorded.

voted that this meeting be adjourned to ye third monday of april next being the Sixteenth day of Said month at Two a Clock afternoon.

all ye aforegoing votes and Choice of Town officers on ye other Side past at Said meeting. *Attest:* John Chandler, modr.

*To free them from paying taxes for the school.

Worcester march 8th 1743-4 we the Subscribers Selectmen of worcester at ye disire of mr. Samuel mower did on ye Said day Repair to his Farm at Tadnick Hill in order to veiw whither the Road formerly laid out through his land there might be Something altred which leads to Leicester by mr. Isaac moores with out prejudice to ye publick—and having So don Report our opinion that the Present Road from a bridge Latly built by Said Isaac more near the Dividing line between them to within a few Rods west of a bridge built over a brook Runing out of Said Isaac moores lands near ye westrly bounds of Said Samuel mowers lands be discontinued and that in Lieu thereof a Road pass Through Said Samuel mowers land from ye fierst mentioned bridge Something Southerly of the present Road to be three Pearch wide on the Southwestrly Southeastrly & Southrly Sides of a Line or angleing Course of Trees marked on ye Rangeing Sides and on ye Side next ye propsed Road with a blaze and three Hacks Cross ye Same till it meets with ye present Road a few Rods westward of ye Second mentioned bridge as aforesd and we now lay ye Same before ye Town for their acceptence Provided Said Samuel mower make ye proposed Road as feazable as ye present Road to be Discontinued now is at his own Cost and Effectually Plow ye Hill near ye last mentioned bridge taking ye advantige winding ye Same passing with Teams and that he hold & Enjoy the present Road in lieu of the new Road now proposed.

I agree and Consent to the above written

Samuel mower

Worcester march 12 : 1743-4.
John Chandler
Thomas wheeler
Benja Flagg
Danil Heywood

at a Town meeting held at worcester march 12 : 1743-4 The within Report being Read was approved and thereupon voted that ye Road within mentioned be discontinued and the new Road proposed in Lieu thereof be Ratified mr. Samuel mower Complying with ye Conditions thereof.

Attest: John Chandler, modrator.

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att a Town meeting held at ye meeting house in worcester april

16 : 1744 by adjournment from ye 12th day of march last.

voted that this meeting be further adjourned to wednesday the 16 day of may next. *Attest:* John Chandler, modr.

Worcester march 4 : 1743-4.

at the Request of mr. Jonas woodard and others the Subscribers have laid out a Town Road Three Rods wide in Said Town begining at a marked Tree at Said wooderds land So Runing by Trees marked on the Southerly and westrly Side of Said Road Thro' the land of messurs Thomas Rice, John Barber & land belonging to the Heirs of Josiah Rice and Thro' a Small part of the land now in possession of mr. John Stowell Then a Cross Said Thomas Rices land till it Extends to the Town Road leading by Said Thomas Rices house to the medow Called great medow.

Danil Heywood
Benj^a^ Flagg
Thomas wheelor

at a Town meeting held at worcester march 12 : 1743-4 the within Report being read was approved and thereupon voted to be Recorded. *Attest:* John Chandler, modr.

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at a Town meeting held at worcester by adjournment may 16 : 1744 at Three a Clock afternoon.

The Selectmen made Report of a Two Rod Town way Layd out between the Land of Lieu^t^ Gershom Rice and Nathanil moore Junr. which was accepted and approved by the Town and then the meeting was disolved.

Attest: John Chandler, modr.

Worcester may 16 : 1744 The Selectmen at the desire & by the Consent of Lieu^t^. Gershom Rice & Mr. Nathanil more Junr. Report a Town Road between their Land whear they Live of Two pearch wide which Coms near Equal out of their Land and to be near as the fence now Stands Saving that Lieut. Rice may move

his fence a litle Southward at & near the west Eand Road this way leads to ye house of Ephraim Curtise & we desire ye Same may be accepted The fence to be moved to a Litle wallnut So to Come into ye fence a Little Eastward of it again.

John Chandler, Thom wheeler, John Chaddick } *Selectmen of worcester*

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at a Town meeting Held at ye meeting house in worcester being Regulerly assembled on april 16 : 1744 at Said meeting John Chandler Esqr. was Chosen modr.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T Cler.

The Comitte appointed to Setle accuts with ye Rev^d^ mr. Burr and Coll Chandler the Town Tresurr made Report which was Read and accepted whearby it appeared that the Several payments by him made amount to one hundred fourty four pound Seven Shillings & two pence Lawfull money—voted that he be Discharged of Said Sum and that he further accunt for the Sum of Twenty five pound Seven Shillings & Seven pence half peney Lawfull money when he Shall have Recv^d^ the outstanding Taxes m^r^. Burrs accu^t^ being included in the Tresu^r^s accu^t^ he produced a Discharge from m^r^. Burr In full for his Sallary for the year 1743 which the Town ordred to be Recorded & keept on file.

voted that ye Tresuror pay to Docter Hervey the Sum of Eleven Shillings & Eleven pence for one of michel Lovels poles Six Shillings & Eight pence for Joseph Bills and Twelve Shillings & four pence for Joseph Gareys Taxes Lawfull money being in the whole one pound Ten Shillings & Eleven pence 1. 10. 11.

voted that Eleven Shillings & Eleven pence be alowed to m^r^. James Boyd for Danil Frezi [?] Polle.

That the Tresur alow Constable Thomas Adams for John Burnitts Taxes 0. 13. 6. and for one of noah Joneses polls 0. 11. 11. To Benoney Bailey his minister Tax 1741 0. 3. 6.

To Lieut Rice for 21 birds	0	1	51-4
To Capt moore for 310 feet of plank for Bridges	0	9	4
To Isaac witherbe abated in his Tax 1743	0	5	0
To James How for abraham newtons Taxes	0	6	21-4

To Cpt ward taking Care of ye meetinghouse	0	15	0
To Leiut Golding for 16 birds	0	1	0
To Elkanah Cook fo[r] 33 birds	0	2	3-4
To Ephrim Rice for 11 birds	0	0	33-4
Sum Total	5	11	61-2

voted that the above Sums amounting to five pound Eleven Shillings & Sixpence half peney be Leveyed and assessed on the Poles & Estats of the Town agreeable to Law.

The aforegoing votes past

Attest: John Chandler, modr.

at a Town meeting held at ye meetinghouse in worcester april 16 : 1744 by adjournment from ye 12 day of march Last

voted that this meeting be further adjourned to wednesday the 16 day of may next. *Attest:* John Chandler, modr.

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a Town meeting duly warned & Regulerly assembled at the meeting house in worcester on wednesday the Sixteenth day of may 1744 at four of the Clock in ye afternoon.

at Said meeting the following vots past vizt :

voted that the Sum of three pound Two Shillings & Sixpence Lawfuil money be granted to Discharge what may be Due to mr James verney for keeping Schoole at Bagchoag in ye Spring of ye year	3	2	6
That three Shillings & ninepence be granted to Eliakim Rice for a Rope for ye Bell	0	3	9
that Sixpence be granted to major Rice for Too Tails	0	0	6
To Jacob Smith for Six tails	0	1	6
voted that Twenty Seven pound Ten be granted for ye Suport of a School in Town as usual for the year Currant	27	10	0
That Thirty Seven pound Ten Shillings be granted to purchis a Stock of amminition for the Town agreeable to Law to be disposed of by the Selectmen for purchising the Same	37	10	0
	68	8	3

voted that ye Selectmen do at the Charge of the Town build in the Loft of the meeting house a proper place to keep the Town Stock in.

voted that the Comitte for fenceing the Burying place be Earnstly disired forthwith to accomplish that work & lay their accou^{n} before the Town for payment.

a Petition of James Boyd and others Relating to their being alowed their own money that is So much as they pay towards Schooling in as much as they are at Considrable Cost in providing a person to teach their Children being Read and Considred & the Question being put whether any thing Should be granted it past in ye negative & therefore ordered that the Petition be Dismissed.

voted that Such Sums of money as are now granted and have been heartofore be all Leveyed or assessed in one Tax agreeable to ye Ruls of ye Law and then ye meeting was Desolved.

Attest: John Chandler, modr.

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at a General Town meeting held at worcester octob^{r} 8: 1744 John Chandler Esqr. was Chosen mdr.

Jonas Rice, T Cler.

voted that the County Tax for ye present year be paid out of the Town Tresury and that ye Sum of five pound Six Shillings be assessed on ye poles and Estats and added to the money heartofore Granted to Reimburss ye Town Tresurey again.

voted that messuers Thomas wheeler, John Chandler Jur. & John Chaddick be a Committe to fence in the Burying place with a good and Substantual Stone wall of four futt high to be Eighteen parch on ye northeastrly Side Twelve parch on ye Southeastrly Side Twenty parch on ye Southwestrly Side & five parch on ye northwestrly Side in which there must be a Gate and that ye Sum of Fifteen pounds be & is hearby Granted to be applyed for that purpose To be Leveyd and assessed with ye other money Granted this present year agreeable to law and that they return their accounts to ye Selectmen from time to time and in Case ye money now Granted be more needfull the Same to Lye for ye further order of ye Town and if it be not Sufficient that money be further Granted for the Same and the Comitte are desired to use their best discretion and Effect ye Same with all ye Dispatch they Can.

voted that Twenty Shillings be payd out of ye Town Tresury for the use of ye Rope used about Raising ye Steeple to ye Comitte for that purpose. *Attest:* John Chandler, modr.

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at a Town meeting held at worcester upon Due warning given December 3^d^ : 1744. Coll Chandler Chosen mdr.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T Cler.

voted that Coll Chandler Esqr. Decon moore, Decon Heywood, Cp^t^. Flagg, mr. Palmer Golding, mr. Samuel mower, Jonas Rice Esqr. mr. Thomas Rice & mr. John Curtice or the major part of them be a Comitte In ye most prudent & Easey way that they Can to procure Some Sutable persons to Supply ye Pulpitt* by preaching on Lords days untill the annual meeting in march next onless the Town Shall otherwise order and ye Comitte are Desired as fur as may be to Interceed with ye Revd Elders of ye Late Councel To preach Each one day. *Attest:* John Chandler, modr.

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at a meeting held at worcester being Regulerly assembled at ye meeting house Jan^ry^ 7 : 1744-5.

John Chandler, Esqr. was Chosen modrator.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T Cler.

voted that the Comitte alredy appointed for Supplying the pulpitt togther with Cp^t^. moore, Ephriam Curtis, James Boyd, Eliakem Rice, Cp^t^. ward & m^r^. waldo or ye major part of ye whole be a Comitte at the Charge of ye Town to procure Suitable persons

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* Mr. Burr's pastorate came to an end by the advice of a mutual council convened at Worcester, November 30, 1744, and he was dismissed in March following. The pleasant relations between him and his people had been disturbed by the visit of Whitefield, whose sensational preaching and novel methods created so much strife in many churches throughout the country; and the trouble was further increased by the officious intermeddling of ministers of other towns, followers of the revivalist, especially the Rev. David Hall of Sutton and Rev. Mr. Bliss of Concord. Under these difficulties the health of Mr. Burr became seriously impaired and he asked and was granted a dismissal as above. He retired to Windsor, Conn. where he died in 1751 or 2. The account of him in Lincoln's History of Worcester is incorrect in several particulars. See "The Worcester Pulpit" by Smalley, p. 48.

as Soon as may be to preach in a probationary way till ye Town Shall further order and they are disired to procure m^r^. Stevens, m^r^. Langdon & m^r^. Townsend if to be had & if not then Such other Suitable person as they Shall think proper & that they make Suitable provision for ye Reception of Such who Come among us and in ye meen time the pulpitt be Suplied as hetherto.

the above votes past *Attest:* John Chandler, modr.

Worcester ye 4 day of march 1744-5.

I ye Subscriber being an Inhabitent of ye Town of worcester in the Province of ye massachusets Bay in New England Protest against the proceedings of ye Town meeting now held in ye meetinghouse in Sd Town and also against all proceedings (as to Town officers) of any person or persons that is or Shall be Chosen to any office by the voters of this meeting (either now or at any other time) for that the Valuation and Rates made in Said Town for ye year 1744 and ye List of voters alowed to vote in this meeting are not made agreeable to ye Laws of ye Province in those Cases made & provided by which List ye makers thereof have not only Excluded me Tho Qualified according to Law but have also wholy Excluded Zechriah Hervey, Benoni Bailey, Joshua Child Jur. Danil Dunkin, John Gates, Timothy Green, John Kathan, Eliakem Rice, Samuel Relstone, Jonas ward, James wooderd, Luke Brown, Jacob Chambrlin, Richard Flagg, Elisha Flagg, Joseph willey, Isreal Holton, Sam^ll^ Rice, Elisha Smith Jur. Nath^ll^ Spring, James Trowbridg and David young and Several others Inhabitents of Sd Town that are Qualified according to Law.

Joseph Dyar.

at a General Town meeting held at worcester march 4 : 1744-5
at Sd meeting John Chandler was Chosen modr.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T Cler.

At Sd meeting ye following persons ware Chosen Town officers for ye year Ensuing, vizt :

John Chandler Esqr. Cp^t^. Heywood, Cp^t^. Flagg, mr. Thomas wheeler, mr. John Chaddick, Selectmen & assessors.

Jonas Rice Esqr. T Clerk.

John Chandler, Esqr. T Tresur.

Joseph Clerk, Danil Hubberd, Constables.

John Cirtise, Timothy Green, Danil Biglo, Samuel mower, othnial Tailor, andrew m^c^farlind, Jonas Rice Jur. Charles Davenport John Chandler Jnr. Robert Barber, Danil Hubberd, Surveyors of highways.

John Chaddick, Sealor of Lether.

David Bancraft, Edward Knight, andrew m^c^farlind, william mahan, fence viewers.

Danil Holdin, Samuel andrew, Tythingmen.

Isaac moore, James Goodin, Deer Reives.

John Cirtise, Cler of ye markitt.

Luke Brown, Edward Knight, Jonas ward, Enock Cook, mathias Rice, Noah Jones, Jacob Chambrlin, hog Reeves.

The Several persons Chosen as above have Respectivly taken their oaths to the faithfull Discharg of their office.

voted that ye Selectmen provid a Suitable Schoolemaster for the year Ensuing—and that Jonas Rice Esqr. Cp^t^. Heywod, Cp^t^. Flagg, mr. Samuel mower & mr. Ephriam Cirtise be a Comitte to project Some method for Keeping of Schools for ye year Ensuing that ye Town may Reep Greater advantig then heartofore they have don and Report their opinion at the adjournment of this meeting for further Consideration.

voted that Jonas Rice Esqr. mr. James How & mr. James Boyd be a Comitte to Settle accuts with ye Revd mr. Isaac Burr our Late pastor and also with ye Town Tresurer and Report thereon as Soon as may be.

The Selectmen having Reported ye Conveincy & necessity of Several privite Roads or ways & Discontinueing one between land of Thomas Rice & John Stowel ye Town accept of the whole Report & order ye Same to be recorded.

voted that ye premium or Reward for Killing of woulves & Rattlesnaks be ye Same as ye Last year to be payd out of ye Town Tresurey.

voted that ye Petition of Danil Boyden & others be Continued to ye adjournment of this meeting & that Noah Jones, Ensign

Rice & James Goodin be a Comitte to Consider and Report theron or what they may apprehend would be of Service to make more Room in ye meeting house.

Voted that Cp^t^. Heywood, John Chandler & Lt Hervey be a Comitte fully Impowered or ye major part of them with power of Substitution to prosecute any person or persons who have or Shall hearafter Comitt any Trespass on ye Schoole land and also on ye ministeral land Sence ye Dismition of the Revd mr. Isaac Burr from his pastrol office in this Town and also for ye future and the Selectmen are disered to Renew ye bounds of both as Soon as may be.

Voted that ye article Relating to John Strr* be Continued to ye adjournment of this meeting that in ye meen time ye Selectmen or ye major part of them view ye publick lands & Report to ye Town what they may think proper for ye Town to do therein.

The Result of the Late Venerable Councel for Dismissing ye Revd mr. Isaac Burr from his pastoral Relation to ye Church of Christ in this place agreeable to ye ninth article in ye warrant was Read & the Town manifested their acquisence therein by a unanimous vote excepting one or two persons.

Voted that the Selectmen with Cp^t^. moore, Ephriam Cirtice, James Goodwin, Samuel mower & othniel Tailor or ye major part of them be a Comitte for Supplying the pulpit with Some Suitable Gentleman or Gentlemen in a probationary way and that they use their utmost Endevour that ye Town be at no time Destute of preching on Lords Days their power to Continue till ye Town Shall further order.

agreeable to ye Eleventh article in ye warrent the Comitte for ye Steeple and hanging the Bell Reported & Thereupon ye Town voted an acceptance of ye Steeple & hanging ye Bell and Danil willard be Excused any further Service he abating ye Town Seven pound Ten Shillings old Tener being all that would be his Due on

*"To See if ye Town will permitt John Star who is now blind or his friends & not ye proper Charge of ye Town to Erect a house on ye publick land & Improve part thereof yet Still So as not to Impose him or his familey on ye Town at any time and in Such way as they Shall See Cause."—*Warrant.*

ye Compleating ye Same and Danil ward, Danil Hubard, James Boyd, James Goodwin & Noah Jones a Comitte now appointed to perfict ye finishing ye Steeple & hanging ye Bell after the best way they Can at ye Charge of ye Town. The foregoing votes pased at Said meeting. *Attest:* John Chandler, mod^r^.

Then ye meeting was by a vote adjourned to ye Third monday of april next at Two a Clock afternoon.

Attest: John Chandler, modr.

Worcester Febry 12th: 1744-5. Then Layd out for Zechriah Hervey a priviat way as followes to begin at the Southeastrly Corner of andrew m^c^farlinds Land on ye northerly Side of ye Road & by Said m^c^farlinds to Extend northerly till it meets with Said Herveys Land it being about Six or Eight perch & to be two perch wide. This way Comes out of School or ministeral land we apherend it of necesity.

we the Subscribers have also laid out Privet way for Eliakem Rice who is Shut up & is as follows vizt: To be two parch wide through Land now belonging to Jonathan Grout which he purchised of Lieut James Holdin & to Lead from ye County Road leading by Sd Grouts house to his mill the north Side of ye Road to be as ye Stone wall now Stands which we also apphrend to be of necesity.

we also Report a privet Road of absolut necesity to be Confiermed by ye Town leading from the privet Road which goes by nathanil moore Juners to Ephraim Cirtises land the way now Reported Leads from ye aforesd Road to the land of Thomas Richardson & is to be two perch wide according to ye agreement of ye partys Concerned two perch northerly from Cirtises Land & then to Extend Southwestrly and Comes a pint whear Lieu^t^. Rices Line Intersexts Sd Cirtices origenal Line being ye antient line of ye Town ye Road to be two perch wide on ye Southrly Side.

We have also laid out a necesary way to bring Jonathen Linds into ye Road Leading from Isaac moors Eastrly & goes angling through land of Said moore & land of m^r^. Samuel mower Equaly & begins at a Cartain Stake in Said Road and Runs to a Stak in

Said mowers land and is to be one parch & a half wide on y^r^ Eastrly Side of Said Stake to which Said Samuel mower & Isaac moore Consented.

We doe also Report that a way Leading from Thomas Rices house between Said Rices land & land of John Stowil into ye County Road Leading by major Rices be Discontinued and that in Lieu thereof a Town way of Two parch wide from Thomas Rices house by his land Northward about Twenty Eight parch & from thence about Two parch Northwestward to a Chustnutt Tree & Stones near ye Same & then a Strait Line South of John Stowels house & Barn to a Stake & Stones Two parch East of his west bounds and then Keeping that Distence from his Sd Stowils west bounds to ye County Road leading from ye meeting house to major Rices be Confiermed on ye west and Southrly Side of Said Lines the Said way being very necessary and Conveinant.

John Chandler
Benj^a^ Flagg
Danil Heywood
Thomas wheeler
John Chaddick
} *Selectmen of worcester*

at a General Town meeting held at worcester march 4 : 1744-5 being ye first monday of Said month this Report of the aforegoing Roads and one Reported to be Discontinued were laid before ye Town for acceptance & ye Town accepted ye whole Report and Confiermed ye Same accordingly and ordered ye Same to be Recorded. *Attest:* John Chandler, modr.

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att a Town meeting held at worcester April 15th : 1745 by adjornment from the 4th day of march last past The Selectmen made Report in ye article Relating to John Star and then ye Town Came into ye following vote namly

Voted that John Star be allowed or permitted to build a house on ye publick land on the Eastrly Side prospeck Brook and the northrly Side ye Road as near the Brook as may be and that he be allowed a Suitable gardin Spot allways provided that what is now don dont opperate against ye Town So as to Invalidate the

warning him out of Town & his being Caried away and that he be a Tenant at will and his going away or being Caryed away he to have the Liberty of Removing his house & in Case he dyes there his heirs to have the Same Liberty and the Selectmen are desired to order where he Shall Cut fire wood on Said land from time to time.

Voted that the Report about Schooling be accepted.

See ye Report & Vote.

Voted this meeting be adjourned to ye 20th of may next at four a Clock afternoon to Consider ye Petition of Danil Boyden & others.

Attest: John Chandler, modr.

At a Town meeting held at worcester april 15 : 1745 at three of ye Clock afternoon Regulerly assembled.

att Said meeting John Chandler Esqr. was Chosen modr.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

Jonas Rice Esqr. from ye Comitte appointed to Setle accuts with ye Town Tresurer and also with ye R mr. Isaac Burr our late Pastor made Report that they the accounts of John Chandler Esqr. Town Tresur are fairly & Justly Charged by which it appears that he has payd the Revd mr. Burr one hundred & fifty nine pounds old Tener Equal to Thirty nine pounds fifteen Shillings last Imition Bills of Creditt in part. That he is in Advance having payd more than he has Received and which is due to him in last Imssion Bills of Creditt fourty nine pounds fourteen Shillings and Ten pence farthing and that there is out Standing in the Constables hands Seventy one pounds Thirteen Shillings three farthiugs Still to account in Said last Imssion bills of Creditt which Report was accepted & ordered to be Recorded.

Voted the Several Sums following be Raised & assessed as usual the present year.

Voted that ye Sum of Twenty Seven pounds Ten Shillings be Raised the present year for Suporting of Schools in last Imition bills of Creditt.

voted that the pole Tax of Thomas wheeler Son of Abraham wheeler be abated being	0	14	4
that nathanil moore be alowed for arthur Furbuss s pole Tax	0	14	4
that the Sum of Six pound be granted to Cpt. Heywood, Cpt. Flagg & william mcfarlind	6	0	0
Eleven Shillings & Three pence half peny for Suporting and Conveying a pore man out of Town also for Samuel Thomas Pole Tax John [?] pole Tax and half John megragries pole Tax	2	7	11-2
To nathanil moore Jur. for Edward Lamonds pole Tax	0	14	4
To Thomas Stearns for plank	0	14	0
To John Chandler Jur. for plank	0	4	0
To Docter Hervey for Ditto	0	1	3
To Danil willard for Clabording ye west end of ye meeting house	3	2	6
To Cpt. Danil ward for taking Care of the meeting house	0	15	0
To Thomas adams for John Dikes pole Tax	0	11	11
For paying mr Browns preeching & mr marshes	12	0	0
That ye Sum of Twenty pound be granted for Suplying ye pulpitt for ye future & Suporting preaching amongst us till further order and that the Same be Leveyed and assessed on ye poles and Estates of ye Town agreeable to Law by ye assessors	75	8	11 1-2

Voted that ye Third article* in ye warrant be not granted.

Voted that ye article Relating to ye making mr. Jonathen Grout an allowence for a privite way to Eliakem Rices be adjourned with this meeting for further Consideration.

agreeable to ye fifth article† Voted that ye Town desire to hear Some other person before the Church proceed to ye Choice of a person to Setle amongst us and that ye Comitte for Suplying ye pulpit procure mr. Townsend if to be had and if not that they Consult with ye Revd president, mr. apleton & ye Profesor mr. wig-

*"To hear & Consider of ye Pitition of Eliakem Rice & others for Liberty to Erect a pew in ye hind Seet in ye front gallary and to grant ye Same if ye Town See Cause."—*Warrant.*

†"For the Town to declare their minds by a vote whither they desire to hear any more or other Gentlm in a probationary way before the Church proceed to ye Choice of a person to Setle amongst us as our Pastor."—*Warrant.*

gleworth who to procure to preach amongst us in a probationary way till ye Town Shall give further order.

Lieut. Holdin desiring alowence for Some Seeder Posts he had formerly provided for fencing ye Burying place ordered that ye Selectmen Setle that affair with him according to Their best Judgment.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to ye Twentyeth day of may next at three of ye Clock afternoon for ye Town to Consider what may be proper to be don as to further Grants of money & ye affair of making Jonathan Grout an allowence.

Attest: John Chandler, modrator.

The Subscribers being Chosen and appointed a Comitte by the Town of worcester at their meeting on ye 4th day of march last to project Some method for keeping of Schools for ye year Ensuing That ye Town may Receive grater advantig then heartofore they have don & Report our opinion.

having mett and Considered the affair do Report as follows vizt first that the usual Som of one hundred and Ten pounds old Tener be Granted by Said Town for the Suport of Schools in ye Same and the Inhabitents accordingly assessed the Said Sum of one hundred and Ten pounds old Tener for one year to Come.

Secondly that a number of ye Inhabitents living Remote from the Schoole house in Said Town to have the Benifitt of Such Sum or Sums that they Shall be assessed at or Taxt towards Said hundred & Ten pounds to Suport Suitable Schools to Instruct & Teach their Children in ye best manner that may be.

In the north Eastrly part of the Town the following familyes to have the Benifitt of Their own money as abovesaid vizt :

messures

Danil Knight	Isaac withrby	Benja. Crosby
Timothy Knight	Joseph Temple	Isreal Jnison
John Knight	william Harise	John Cirtise
Samuel Eaton	John Child	Ebenezer willington
Ezekel How	Nathanil Adams	James How
Ebenezer Flagg	othnial Tailor	Edward Knight
Joseph Geary	widow Crosby	Elisha Smith Jur.

also the Families living on ye westrly Side of ye River Caled halfway River and the widow wallise, Joseph willey, Nathanil Spring & william m^c^farlind to have the priveledg of their money as above Said.

all ye Families Excepting John Tatman, Jabez Tatman & michel hamblton living on ye South & Southwesterly Side of bogachoag River as also all ye Families living on ye westrly Side of Said River and Southrly of ye Countrey Road to have the priviledg as abovesd as also ye Families living Remote on ye SouthEastrly part of Said Town vizt Joshua Biglo, Jacob Smith, John Roberts, John Barber. Jonas wooderd & John Smith.

Thirdly the Remainder of ye Inhabitents of Said Town living within the aforesd families to make up by a Subscription or Some other method a Suffiant Sum Including their part of Said Tax to maintain & ceep a grammer School at ye Schoole house in Said Town So that ye Town may not be at any time presented for want of ye Same.

Fourthly the afore named famileis freed from paying to the Town School as aforesd Shall & may at any time Send any of their Children to be Schooled at ye School house without paying any thing therefor.

fifthly that Some Suitable persons be appointed by the Town to take Effectual Care that ye money So to be assessed be layd out in Such way & maner as is therein proposed,

all which is Submited

Worcester april 15 : 1745.

by Jonas Rice
Danil Heywood
Benj^a^ Flagg
Ephrim Cirtise

at a Town meeting held at worcester april 15 : 1745 by adjournment voted that the above Report be accepted and that m^r^. Thomas wheeler, m^r^. othinal Tailor, m^r^. James How, m^r^. william Harise, m^r^. Danil Boyden, m^r^. Joseph Clerk & m^r^. Joshua Biglo be a Comitte for Stating ye perticular places where the Schools Shall be Kept within Refrred to and that the Town Tresurer pay Each part their

money out of ye Sum granted for the School to Such persons as the Comitte or the major part of them Shall order.

Attest: John Chandler, modr.

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at a Town mee[t]ing held at worcester may 20: 1745 by adjournment from the 15 day of april last.

The fourth article in the warrant for Calling that meeting was Read and after Some dabate thereon the Question was put whether the Town will make any allowence to mr. Jonathan Grout for a privet way lately layd a Cross his land to accomodate Eliakem Rice & it past in the negative.

voted that the Sum of Twenty pounds in Last Emission bills be Granted for the Suport of preaching to be Leveyed according to law with other Grants made or to be made this present year as usuall 20

voted that Co^ll^ Chandler be allowed Twenty Shillings old Tener for So much by him to be allowed to mr. waldo for pastering mr. Burrs horse 1742 0 5 0

voted that Twenty nine Shillings be Granted for mending the Glass in the meeting house and School house 1 7 $7\frac{1}{3}$

21 12 $7\frac{2}{4}$

John Chandler, modr.

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at a Town meeting held at worcester upon due warning given and Regulerly assembled at y^e^ meeting house on monday the 20th day of [May] at four of y^e^ Clock in y^e^ afternoon a D 1745 John Chandler Esqr. was Chosen mdr.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T Cler.

In answer to the Petition of John Johnson and Eight others praying they may have the hind Seat in ye womens Side Gallary Granted them to Sit in Voted that the Petition be So far Granted as that they have Liberty to Raise ye Same and Sit therein with their wives vizt Such as have wives and in Case ye Same is not filld that ye Selectmen admitt Some other Suitable persons So as to have ye Same filled and to beare their proportionable part of ye Charge.

a Petition of John Chandler Jur. praying the Town would grant him ye Room or flower whear the mens Stairs now are in ye meeting house to Erect a pew for himself & family.

Voted that ye Prayer of ye Petition be granted and that ye Petitioner have Liberty to take down ye mens Stairs & Errect a pew in ye Same place to be Enjoyd by him his heirs and assignes.

Provided he first Errect Two Suitable pair of Stairs in ye Steeple from ye Lower floare into ye first platform or loft and well Defend the Same with proper Rails & banistors above & below & with what is Equivalent thereto and make & Case a Convinint way out of Said first Platform or loft into ye Side Gallarey The whole work to be Effectualy don & to ye Reasonable acceptence of ye Comitte for ye Steeple or the major part of them.

Voted that ye present Comitte for Supplying ye pulpit Together with Capt. ward & m^r^. Joshua Biglo be a Comitte to procure Two more Suitable Gentlemen to preach amongst us in a probationary way Taking ye advice of ye Revd President, Dct. wiglsworth & m^r^. applton and that when the Town have heard them that then ye Church proceed to the Choice of a Pastor to Settle amongst us to be Chosen out of the Three Gentlem who have alredy preached with us vizt. mr. Stevens, mr. marsh & mr. Phillips and ye Two Gentlm who may be procured as abovesd and that ye Town will hear no more persons before a Choice is made.

The foregoing votes past at Sd meeting.

Attest: John Chandler, modr.

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att a meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of worcester Regulerly assembled at the meeting house Septr. 9 : 1745 John Chandler Esqr. was Chosen modr. *atts* Jonas Rice, T Cler.

The warrent being Read & the Question putt it appeared that there ware thirty two votes for Concurring with the Church in ye Choice of mr. Nathanil Gardner to the work of the Gospel ministry amongst and Twenty five against him.

Voted that Decon moore, mr. Thomas Rice, mr. Jonathan Gates, mr. James How & mr. Danil Boyden be a Comitte to Treat with Said m^r^. Gardner upon Terms of Settling amongst us.

Voted that Sixty pounds in Last Emission Bills of Creditt or other Bills of Creditt Equell therto be granted as a yearly Sallary to mr. Gardner to Comence from ye time of his ordaination and to Continue So Long as he Shall Remain a Settled minister amongst us.

Voted that one hundred pounds in Last Emission Bills of Creditt or other Bills of Creditt Equal thereto be granted to mr. Gardner one half to be payd in one year from his ordaination the other half in two year to Enable him to Settle amongst us.

Voted that m^r^. Gardner have Six weeks allowed to give his answer and in Case he dont Supply ye pulpitt personaly in the meen time that then the Comitte aforesaid with the advice of ye Rev^d^ mr. President Holyoake, m^r^. Appleton & Dr. wiglesworth Supply it with Such person or persons as they Shall advise too.

Voted that the Comitte at the Charge of ye Town make Suitable provision for ye Entertainment of m^r^. Gardner or Such other person or persons as may preach amongst us agreeable to the vote aforesd.

Voted that m^r^. James Goodin have Liberty to build a pew for himself & family to Sit in the Steeple in answer to his Petition to be under ye derection of ye Comitte for building ye Steeple provided he at his own Cost & Charge Ceil ye Second Loft or Story handsomly and Case ye window.

The above votes past at Sd meeting.

atts John Chandler, modr.

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at a meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitents of ye Town of worcester Qualified to vote in Town affairs Regulerly assembled at the meeting house Septr 24 : 1745 at Two a Clock afternoon.

John Chandler Esq. was Chosen modrator.

atts Jonas Rice, T Cler.

Voted that the County Tax for ye Current year be payd out of the Town Tresurey being five pound Six Shillings in Last Emission Bills of Creditt & that Sd Sum be now granted to Reimburse ye Tresurey again.

Voted that Ensign Rice & mr. Joseph Clerk be desired at the Charge of ye Town to build a Suitable place in the third Storey of ye Bellfree or Steeple & in ye nørthwest Corner Thereof to Keep ye Town Stock of powder in and that there be a good Lock put on ye Same that they make a good Suble Doore in the Floore of Said Storey and put a good Lock Thereon.

Voted that Two pound Twelve Shillings & Two pence be payd out of ye Town Tresurey to Paul Kingston for his Service in taking Care of Richard wheelor in his late Illness & his Expense and that the Selectmen take Care to git ye Same again of Said wheelor as Soon as may be out of his wages or otherwise.

Voted that fifty pounds last Emission Bills of Creditt be now granted to be Raised agreeable to Law for paying & discharging the Charges arising in ye Town.

Voted that ye Selectmen procure Some proper person to Ring the Bell at ye Charge of ye Town Twice before Service on ye Lords days & both in ye forenoon & afternoon that there be one houre between ye Ringings in ye forenoon & half an houre in ye afternoon and ye Bell be Rung at no other time Except at funerals & Lectures & Town meetings Fast Days and Thanksgivings untill ye Town Shall further order.

voted that whoever Shall for the future during ye Space of Three years from ye fifteenth day of november next in ye tims of ye Sitting of ye Superiour Court of Judicature, Court of assize & Gineral Goal delivery the times of ye Siting of the Infeirour Court of Comon Pleas & General Sessions of ye peace in this Town presume to Run Races on horse back or pace their horses for Tryall in ye Countrey Road from ye house of mr. Joshua Eaton to ye house whear Richard wheelor Lives Shall forfitt the Sum of Twenty Shillings Lawfull money to ye use of ye poare of this Town to be Recovred agreeable to ye Directions of ye Laws of this Province Relating to Rules orders & By Laws of Towns and ye Selectmen are Desired to lay this vote or Bylaw before the Court of General Sessions of ye peace for their approbation in november next.

voted that all ye money granted by the present meeting be assessed in one Tax agreeable to ye Ruls of ye Law.

all ye aforegoing votes past at Said meeting.

attr John Chandler, modr.

at a Town meeting held at worcester upon due warning given & assembled at ye meetinghouse octóber 18 : 1745.

John Chandler Esqr. was Chosen modrator.

Attest: Jonas Rice, T Cler.

voted that in answer to ye Request of Deacon nathanil moore and nine others mr. Nathanil Gardner have one month more allowed him to give his answer to ye Town in Respect to ye Call they have given him. *Attes* John Chandler, modr.

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at a Town meeting held at worcester november 25 : 1745 John Chandler Esqr was Chosen modr. *Attest:* Jonas Rice, T Cler.

m^r^. Nathanil Gardners answer to the Church & Town Containing his non acceptence of ye Call to Setle amongst us in ye work of the ministry was Read and then ye Town Come into ye following vote vizt

Voted that Captian Golding, m^r^. John Cirtis, m^r^. James Goodin, Ensign Rice, John Chandler Junr. Cp^t^. ward & Lieut. Thomas Stearns be a Comitte in ye name & behalf of ye Town to procure m^r^. Langdon, ye Rev^d^ m^r^. walley, m^r^. Brown, mr. Tappin & mr. Emerson to preach with us Each four Sabaths and that they doe at ye Cost of ye Town make proper provision for their Entertainment. *Attest:* John Chandler, modr.

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at a Town meeting held at worcester march 3^d^ 1745-6 Regulerly assembled at Sd meeting John Chandler Esqr. was Chosen modr.

atist Jonas Rice, T Cler.

The following persons ware Duly Elected for ye Ensuing year vizt

John Chandler Esqr. C Danil Heywood, C Benj^a^ Flagg, L Gershom Rice, C Danil ward, Selectmen & assessors.

Jonas Rice, Esqr. T Clerk.

John Chandler Esqr. T Tresur.

James Goodwin, James Boyd, Constables.

John Cirtise, Danil Holdin, Ephriam Cirtise, James moore,

John Gates, John Stoiels, Thomas Parker, John Chandler Jur. Jonas ward, Elisha Smith, Noah Jones, Ebenezer Stearns, Surveyors of highways.

John Chadick, Sealer Lether.

Daniel Boyden, Elisha Hedge, Tythingmen.

C. Heywood, Clerk of ye market.

David Bancroft, Edward Knight, andrew mcFarlind, william mahon, fence viewers.

Josiah Holdin, John Riley, Benj^a Flagg Jur. michil Lovil, Robert more, Ebenezer Flagge, hogReaves.

The above persons all of them Except Daniel Boyden took the oaths proper to the offices to which they were Elected.

Voted that ye Selectmen provide a suitable Schoolmaster for ye year Ensuing at the Charge of ye Town.

Voted that ye Return of ye Road leading from Solomon Johnson to Leicester by the house of Samuel mower Jur. & Isaac moore be accepted & Recorded being three perch wide.

Voted that major Rice mr. James How & mr. James Boyd be a Comitte to Settle accuts with ye Town Treasurer & Report thereon at the next meeting.

Voted that ye Incourigment for Killing of woyles be Continued this year as it was ye last year.

Voted that there be payd for Each Rattlesnake that shall be killed in ye Town at their Dens & also at Stone house hill so Called in Holdin's Sequence last Emission bills of Credit upon ye Tail being produced to ye Town at the Town meeting.

Voted that Lyrus Rice, James Goodwin and Noah Jones be a Comitte at ye Charge of ye Town to build Seats for the Boys to Set in whear ye mens Gallery stairs were in ye Gallery in ye most proper manner they Can having a proper passage to goe in & out of ye Seats allisly built & that they build proper Steppes or ledges for ye more Safe passing in ye Gallery.

Voted in Regard to ye Seventh article in ye warning that the Request of Daniel Boyden for a pew place in ye Steeple be granted provided the Comitte for building ye Steeple upon a Strict view are of opinion it wont Incomode peoples passing in and out of ye Gallery and that it be built as Said Comitte Shall order.

Voted that Cp. Flagg, Doctr Harvey & mr. Boyd be a Comitte to procure mr John Brown: the Son of ye Revd mr willims of Lebanon & ye Son of ye Revd mr willimes of Springfield to preach amongst us Each four days and that they make proper provision for their Subsistence and in Case any of them Cant be obtained to preach ye next Sabath & fast days that then they procure Some other Gentlm to preach three days.

at Said meeting a Register of Deeds and County Tresurer ware voted for.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday ye 15 : day of april next at two a Clock afternoon to meet at ye meeting house and ye Report of ye Selectmen for laying out a Road at ye Request of adonijah Rice & Joseph Clerk Jur. be then Considered off.

all ye above votes passed at Said meeting.

attr John Chandler, modr.

Whearas Some years Since thear was a Road layd out Leading by Solomon Johnsons to Leicester line by ye house of Isaac moore a Return thereof made but is Lost and not Recorded whearefore at the desire of ye Inhabitents Living that way & of othors needing ye Same we have aportoined Said Road as follows begining at ye Corner of Said Johnsons land on ye north Side the Road at the Corner of ye fence as it now Stands and thence Extending westrly or northwestrly as the Road is now used till it Comes a little Southward of ye house of Solomon Johnson Juner whear it takes in a few Rods of his fenced land to which he Consented and it is marked out and So a long the way or Road is used till it Comes to Leicester line passing by the houses of Samuel mower Junr & Isaac moore the Road is Three parch wide & is all ye way markt on ye northrly Side on Trees with Three Chops on ye Southerly Side thereof and as we apprehand is a very necessary Road and all persons Consenting we move it may be Confiermed & Recorded.

To ye Town of worcester assembled at ye annual meeting in march 1745-6

John Chandler
Danil Heywood
John Chaddik
Thomas wheler

Selectmen of worcester

at a Town meeting held in worcester march 3^d^: 1745-6 being

ye annual meeting the Return of ye above Road was accepted & ordered to be Recorded. *attsr* John Chandler, modr.

Worcester the 3^d^ Day of march 1745-6.

I the Subscriber being an Inhabitent of the Town of worcester in the Province of the massatchusets Bay in New England Protest against ye Proceedings of ye Town meeting now held in y^t^ meeting house in Said Town and also against all proceedings as to Town affairs of any person or persons that is or Shall be Chosen to any office by the votes of this meeting Either now or at any other time for that the Valuation and Rates made in Said Town for ye year 1745 and ye List of Voters allowed to Vote in this meeting are not made agreeable to the Law of ye Province in these Cases made and provided by wich List the makers thereof have not only Excluded me tho' Qualified according to Law but have also wholy Excluded Zechriah Hervey, Danil Dunkin, John Gates, Timothy Green, Jonas wooderd, Luk Brown, Elisha Smith Jur. Nathanil Spring and Several others Inhabitents of Said Town that are Qualified according to Law.

Joseph Dyar.

Att a meeting of ye freeholders & Inhabitents of worcester Regulerly assembled upon due warning given at the meeting house in Said Town ye 15 day of april anno Dom 1746 John Chandler Esqr. was Chosen moderator. *attst* Jonas Rice, T Clerk.

The account of John Chandler Esqr. Town Tresur was layd before the Town by ye Comitte for Examining ye Same by which it appears that he has payd ye Sum of one hundred ninety four pound four Shillings and Sixpence three farthings that there is out Standing in ye Late Constables hands Twenty five pound Ten Shillings & Seven pence and that there is a ballance in his favour of Sixteen pound fourteen Shillings & four pence last Emission bills of Creditt which account is accepted agreeable to the Report & ordered to be kept on file.

Voted that there be allowed & granted the following Sums to ye persons hereafter named vizt.

to John Chandler Esqr.	0	6	11
to ye widdow Childs her husbands pole Tax	0	15	9
To ye widdow Ralstone out of her Rates a Pole Tax	0	15	9
To mr william Johnson in full of all demands	1	1	11
To Cp ward for Sweeping ye meeting house & Ringing the Bell	2	0	0
To william Johnson for a pair of Tonges & latches		5	9
To James Brown Ringing ye Bell & bording mr Emerson	2	0	0
To moses wheeler half his Pole Tax	0	7	10
To arthor Furbus Tax to ye Town	0	8	0
To John Chandler Jur bording minister & for plank	4	9	6
To mr waldo for bording mr Brown	1	0	0
To Cpt Flagg to pay mr marsh So much for horse hier as he actualy payd	3	0	0
For the Support of a School ye Current year	27	10	0
For ye paying ye County Tax that may be granted this year	5	6	0
To Reimbursing mr hubbard Esqr Lees Rates or Taxes	1	12	10
That ye Sum of one hundred pounds be granted for the Supplying ye pulpitt & Such other things as are needed being one hundred fifty one pound & three pence last Emission bills	100	0	0
	151	0	3

Voted that ye above Sums be assessed on ye Polls & Estates agreeable to Law & payd by ye first of march next & that ye Town Tresurer pay ye School money & the one hundred pound be payd according to Such orders as he Shall Receive from ye Selectmen or ye major part of them.

Upon hearing ye verball Report of ye Comitte for Supplying ye pullpitt the following vote passed vizt that the Comitte Supply the pulpitt Two days after the next Sabath and in Case there be then no prospect of hearing either of ye m^r^. williamses that then the Town disire the Church to proceed to ye Choice of a Gentleman to be Settled amongst us in ye work of ye ministry and lay their Choice before the Town.

Voted that Ensign Rice and James Biglo at ye Charge of ye Town Efectualy mend & Repair ye Claborading ye meeting house.

Voted that the Selectmen and m^r^ Joshua Biglo be a Comitte to prepare a proper method or Scheem for the more Equitable & Effectual working on ye Roads & Bridges & Causways in the Town.

Voted that Coll Chandler, Cpt. Flagg & major Rice be a Comitte to project and lay before the Town a draft for the Selling leasing or Improving all or part of the ministeiral and School lands & Report ye Same as Soon as may be be for ye Towns Consideration.

The Comitte appointed to take Care of ye publick land Reported that they had detected Some persons of taking away timber from of Said lands and had also disposed of Some Logs that ware down with an account of their Charge amounting to fifty Shillings whereupon the Town voted that upon william mahan paying Ten Shillings for ye use of ye Town and micall Lovill paying five Shillings for ye Same purpose and paying ye Cost they Should be Discharged and that upon andrew m^c^farlind paying Two Shillings he be discharged from his note Robert Gray & Zebediah Rice ware discharged freely and that ye Town Tresurer Receive what may be Coming to ye Town.

The aforegoing votes past at Sd meeting.

attr John Chandler, modr.

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at a meeting of ye freehold[ers] & Inhabitents of worcester Qualified to vote in Town affairs held by adjournment from ye Third day of march last to april 15 : 1746.

Voted that ye Return of ye Selectmen for laying out a Town or privit way leading from land of mathew Gray Jur. to & by ye house of Lieut. Stearns be accepted & Recorded it is two Rod wide.

Voted that ye Return of ye Selectmen for laying out a Town or privat way leading from ye Countrey Road which goes to Leicester and going partly through Land of Cpt Temple and partly through Comon land leading to ye houses of adonijah Rice and Joseph Clark Jur &ct of Two perch wide be accepted & Recorded provided the Town are at no Cost in paying for ye land it takes from Cpt. Temple.

attr John Chandler, modr.

To the Town of worcester assembled in Town meeting march 3 : 1745-6.

at ye desire of Adonijah Rice & Joseph Clerk Jur we have layd

out a Road leading from ye Countrey Road which goes to Leicester it begins near a Gate westward of ye house James Boyd lives in from thence Extends Southward a Cross land of Cp^t^. Robert Temple about fourty pearch till it Coms to Comon land & from thence as ye Trees are marked going all ye way through Comon land till it Coms near a Saw mill belonging to Elisha Hedge between ye houses of Said Rice & Clerk we have marked Trees on ye Eastrly Side Said proposed way which we apprehend Should be Two pearch wide and thence a Road of the Same width and as it is now used and & going over a new Bridg near Said mill over French River till it meets with land of Joseph Clerk. This way we apprehend will be of Considerable Service and very necessery.

John Chandler, Danil Heywood, Benj^a^ Flagg } *Selectmen of worcester*

at the desire of mathew Gray Junor we have layd out a Town or privat way from his land whear he Dwells as ye Road is now rod or used till we Come to ye Lane by Jotham Stearnses it is Two pearch wide and we have marked ye Same on the westerly and northerly Side and Sum ye Esterly and [ ] of ye aforesaid lane to Extend westward as Said lane is fenced by ye house whear Said Jotham Stearns dwells and ye house of Lieut. John Stearns till it Coms to ye Town Road leading from Cp^t^. Goldings to Decon moors. This we look upon to be very necessery.

worcester perfected this 20th of march 1745-6

John Chandler, Danil Heywood, Benj^a^ Flagg } *Selectmen of worcester*

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att a Town meeting legaly warned & held at ye meeting house in worcester may 19 : a Do 1746 at four a Clock afternoon John Chandler Esqr Chosen modr.

attst Jonas Rice. T Cler.

the vote of ye Church of Christ in this Town Seting forth in what maner & how far they have proceeded being Read it was

voted that it is the Towns desire at present that ye Church proceed as they have proposed.

The Comitte Refering to ye Publick lands made Report which was Read & then ye Town Came into ye following vote namly Voted that ye Selectmen ascertain ye Bounds of Said land and lay fair plans thereof before ye Town with ye value of each peice according to their Sound Judgment that So ye Town may beter know how to proceed in Said affair & they desired to be as Speedy as may be.

Docter Hervey brought into ye meeting Sixty three Rattlesnaks Tails & william Young Eleven Tails which wear burnt by ye Constables. *attst* John Chandler, modr.

at a meeting of voters in worcester Qualified by Charther on may 19 : 1746 mad Choice of Benj^a^ Flagg Esqr. to Represent them in ye Grate & General Court for ye year Ensuing.

attest: Jonas Rice, T Cler.

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at a meeting of ye Inhabitents & freeholders Qualified to Vote &c held at ye meeting house In Worcester on monday the 23 day of June 1746 upon Due warning Given at Sd meeting John Chandler Esqr was Chosen modr.

attr Jonas Rice, Town Cler.

The Church of Christ hear having layd before the Town a Letter from ye Revd m^r^ appleton of Cambridg, mr Williames of Waltham & mr Turill of medford who have therein Recommended mr Benjamen Stevens as a Suitable Gentleman to Setle among us & ye matter being fully Considered it was thereupon Voted that it is the desire of ye Town that m^r^ Stevens Preach with us four days in a probationery way if he may be obtained and that proper provision be made for his Entertainment.

attsr John Chandler, modr.

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at a meeting of ye Qualified Voters hild at ye meeting house in worcester on monday ye first day of Septr 1746 upon due warning given John Chandler Esqr was Chosen modr.

attst Jonas Rice, T Cler.

voted that this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday the 23d Instent at two a Clock afternoon to meet at this place to act on ye articles or affairs Set forth in the warrant.

atts John Chandler, modr.

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at a Town meeting by adjournment ye 23d day of Septr ann Dom 1746 from ye first Instent voted Voted that the Selectmen be desired to Supply ye pulpitt for the present in ye best way they Can.

attst John Chandler, modr.

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at a meeting of ye Qualified Voters Regulerly assembled on Tuesday Sepr 23 : 1746 John Chandler Esqr Chosen modr.

attest: Jonas Rice, Town Cler.

This meeting by means of ye Govrners Sending for a Large number of men to opose ye Suposed french Invasion was Brooke up.

attest: John Chandler, modr.

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at a meeting of the Qualified voters in Worcester october 20 : 1746 Regulerly assembled John Chandler Esqr was Chosen modr.

attest Jonas Rice, T Cler.

voted that messrs Elisha Smith, Danil Hubbard, Joshua Biglo, James Brown & Cp John Stearns be a Comitte to procure if they may be obtained mr Walley & ye Revd mr mcCarty both of Boston mr Larrence of Groten Son of William Larrence Esqr & mr mayhew Son of the Revd mr mayhew of martins Vineyard to preach with us Each four Sabeths or So many of them as they Can obtain and they make Suitable provision for their handsome Intertainment at ye Cost of ye Town & that they procure them in the order above mentioned if they Can. *attsr* John Chandler, mod.

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at a General Town meeting held at worcester Regulerly assembled on monday January 26 : 1746-7

as Said meeting major Danil Heywood was Chosen modr.

atts Jonas Rice, T Cler.

at Said meeting the question was put whether this meeting Should be adjourned for Some time it past in ye negitive & after Some Debate had thereon The question was put whether the above vote Should be Reconsidered & it past in ye affiermitive.

Then the Question was put whether ye Town would now proceed to Show their Concurrence or noncurrence and it past in ye negitive.

at Said meeting voted that ye honrbl John Chandler Esqr. m^r^. John Cirtice & m^r^ James Goodwin be a Comitte to to Treat with ye Rev^d^ mr m^c^Carty & procure him to preach with us two Sabeths & to desire him to Let ye Town See ye advice of ye Councel and votes of ye Church of which he has been Pastor with Relation to his Dismition and Then ye meeting was adjourned to monday ye nineth day of Febry next at one of ye Clock afternoon at ye meeting house in Sd Town. *attes* Danil Heywood, modr.

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at a meeting of ye Qualified Voters in worcester by adjournment from ye 26 of January 1746-7 to monday ye 9 Febry following and then met

Voted that it is the unanimous disire of ye Town that ye Comitte appointed ye 26 of January last Earnestly apply to the Revd m^r^. Thadies m^c^Carty and desire that he would forthwith Come and preach amongst us a few Sabeths and ye matters Contained in ye warrant Relating to ye Towns Concurring with the Church be further Continued with ye adjournment of this meeting to monday ye 23 Instent at one a Clock afternoon & the Comitte are desired to be as Speedy in their application as possibly may be.

atts Danil Heywood, modr.

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at a General Town meeting held at worcester by adjournment from monday Febr 9 : 1746-7 to monday the 23 of Said month & then met.

The Rev m^r^ Thadaus m^c^Carty having by Coll Chandler Comunicated to ye Town The Result of ye Councel Relating to Certain Differences between him and the Church of Christ in Kingston together with what he offered them in order to a Reconciliation as

also the Votes of Said Church & ye Town of Kingston Respecting his Dismission from his Pastorall Relation to them as also a paper by him Signed this Day whearupon the Question was put whether ye Town would Concurr with ye Church of Christ in their vote of ye 19 of January last in ye Choice of ye Said m^r^ Thades m^c^Carty to ye Pastorall office in this Town it past in ye affirmitive by a very grate majority but three persons disenting.

Voted that ye Sum of one hundred pounds in Bills of ye last Emission or other bills of Equel value be annually payd to ye Rev^d^ mr Thadeus m^c^Carty as a Sallary during his Continuence in ye work of the ministry in this Town ye time of his Sallery to begin Imediatly upon his Installment to ye Pastorall office amongst us allways provided that ye lands in this Town Called ministearel lands be left to ye Disposition of ye Town & that he give a proper Instrument under his hand Duly Executed for that purpose that ye affair of a Setlement be left for further Consideration to ye adjournment of this meeting & that ye Honrbl John Chandler Esqr. Deacon moore, mr Biglo, Cpt Flagg, major Heywood, Jonas Rice Esqr. & m^r^ Thom Stearns be a Comitte to Inform him of ye Towns proceeding and that it is their desire that he Supply ye pulpit as much as he Can personaly till ye affair of his Setlement is further acted on by ye Town & then untill he Shall give his answer & that Said Comitte Confer with him as to a Setlement in what maner may be agreeable to him and Report to ye Town at ye adjournment of this meeting.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to ye fourth monday of march next at one a Clock afternoon.

attes Danil Heywood, modr.

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at a General Town meeting held at worcester march 2 : 1746-7 Regulerly assembled at ye meeting house for ye Choice of Town officers &c John Chandler Esqr was Chosen moderator.

atts Jonas Rice, T Cler.

John Chandler Esqr. mr Joshua Biglo, mr James Boyd, Cpt. Danil ward, Benjamen Flagg Esqr. Selectmen 3 Sworn assessors.

Jonas Rice Esqr. Town Cler Sworn.

John Chandler Esq[r] T Tresurer. Sworn.

Nathanil adams, william Johnson, Constables.

John Chaddick, Sealer of Lether. Sworn.

Edward Knight Jur. David Bancroft, andrew m[c]farlind, william mahon, Fence Viewrs. Sworn.

Thomas adams, absalom Rice, Tythingmen. Sworn.

Isaac moore, James Goodwin, Deer Reeves. Sworn.

major Heywood. Cler of y[e] markit. Sw.

Joseph Clerk Jur. Joseph wyley, Enoch Cook, Benj Crosby. Robert Gray, John Gates, Luke Brown, Hog Reeves. Sworn.

Benj[a] Flagg Esq[r]. Danil Hubbard, Tyrus Rice, Samuel mower. Elisha Smith, Cpt Golding, Joseph Clerk, Nathanil moore, Surveyors of highways. Sworn.

Voted that the Selectmen provid a Sutable Schoolmaster for the year Ensuing at y[e] Charge of y[e] Town.

The Selectmen made Return of a three Road layd out from Shrewsbury line by m[r] James Hows & John Knights land to Holdin line which y[e] Town accept & order to be Recorded.

Voted that Benj[a] Flagg Esq[r]. m[r] James Goodwin and major Heywood, be a Comitte fully Impowred to Setle accuts with John Chandler Esqr. Town Tresurer & Report their doings thereon to the adjournment of this meeting for acceptence if it may be.

Voted that y[e] Town will Continue for one year next Ensuing the Incourigment for Killing of wolves vizt fourty Shillings Last Emission also for Killing of Rattelsnaks viz[t] Sixpence Last Emission to be payd by y[e] Town Tresr for all Killed in this Town & Suitable proof made thereof or at Stone house hill.

The Town Settled by their Vote a List of Petit Jurymen and directed that Thirty of them Serve at y[e] Supeirour Courts & y[e] Rest at y[e] Infirour Courts & derected y[e] Selectmen to put them into boxes for that End.

In answer to y[e] 8 article in y[e] warrant Voted that y[e] Sum of one hundred and fifty pounds in last Emission bills of Creditt be assessed on y[e] Poles & Estates in this Town according to the Rules Set in y[e] last Tax act and as near to y[e] List of Polls & Estates taken the last year as may be So as that Justice be Don and that y[e] Same be assessed in y[e] month of april next and lists thereof Comitted to

Colectors to be Chosen for that purpose with warrants for Colecting the Same. that Said Sum be this year applyed Towards making Such Bridges as are necessary and for Repairing decayd ones and for puting all needfull Causways and Roads into good Repair and keeping them So within this Town that the Inhabitents of the Town have Liberty of working out Each one his Respective Tax or assessment if they See Cause at ye following prices namly for a man Three Shillings and Sixpence ℔ day, for a yoak of oxen one Shilling & Sixpence ℔ day, for a Cart nine pence ℔ day all in last Imission bill of Creditt and in that proportion for a longer or Shorter time provided they work faithfully and find themselves and if any person or persons assessed as aforesd Shall neglect and Refuse to work out his or their Tax having had Six days notice given him by ye Surveyers of highways that then he Shall pay his Tax in bills of Creditt as aforesaid to be Collected as other Town Taxes are by the Collecters and the money So Collected to be applyed to and for the uses aforesaid and for no other Said Collecters to Compleat their Collections and Settle accounts with the Town Tresurer by ye 25 day of Decembor next That the Selectmen with a Justice of ye peace Set forth to Each Surveyer his District or Limitts in which he is to work agreeable to Law— and it was further voted that Benjamin Flagg Esqr. Danil Hubberd, Tyrus Rice, Samuel mower, Elisha Smith, Cp^t^. Golding, Joseph Clerk & nathanil moore Jur. being the Surveyers of highways for ye year Ensuing be the Collectors for Collecting this Tax & disposing of ye Same according to the Intent of this Vote and to be under oath agreable to Law for faithfully discharging their duty they were all Sworn in ye meeting.

Voted that Such parts of ye Town as have actualy had winter or othor Schooling amongst them be allowed pay for the Same out of ye Town Tresurey as ye Selectmen Shall order having Regard to ye Taxes of Such parts of ye Town.

Voted that the Sixth & Tenth articles* in ye warrent with ye affair

**Sixth article*:—"To Receive ye Return of ye Comitte appointed to draw a Scheem for ye Disposing or Leasing & better Improving the Publick lands & to act thereon what may be needfull."

Tenth article:—"To See if ye Town will take into Consideration ye purchising of a parsonage & to act therein a[s] they think proper."

of the Constables & other things be Continued to the adjournment of this meeting for further Consideration.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to ye fourth monday in march Current at Two of ye Clock afternoon to meet at this place and ye Said meeting was accordingly adjourned.

attes John Chandler, modr.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of worcester have layd out a Road of three pearch wide in This Town as follows vizt to begin at the line between this Town and Shrewsbury whear they have laid out a Town Road leading from ye Countrey Road towards Ruttland and from thence as ye Road is now trod leading by ye new Dwelling house of mr James How till it Comes over a Brook the bounds of Ezekiell Hows land & as Soon as it Comes over ye Said Brook to go through Said Ezekiell hows land So as to Straiten ye Road & Then to Extend to John Knights farm whear ye old Road went through his land and then to pass thro Said Knights land within fence leaving a Swale of mowing land not far from his house to the north of this Road and then to goe Southward a little of Said Knights Cow house or Howill & then to Extend westward to ye Road that has been formerly Trod or Rod in as now used till it meets with Holdin line all persons Concerned giving the land. Worcester Febry 4 : 1746.

and we pray ye Town at their annuall meeting in march next to allow & approve of ye Same.

John Chandler
Danil Heywood
Benj^a^ Flagg
Danil ward
} *Selectmen of worcester*

at ye annual Town meeting in march 1746-7 the Town accepted ye Return of ye above Road and orderd ye Same to be Recorded.

Attr John Chandler, modr.

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at a Town meeting held at worcester the 23 day of march 1746-7 by adjournment from ye 26 day of January & then met.

The Town taking into Consideration the affair of a Settlement for ye Rev^d^ mr maccarty & after Some Debate thereon it was Voted that ye Town apprehand it will be of more Service to mr mac-

carty as well as to ye Town to purchise a parsonage to be for his use & advantige as also for future ministers thereupon this meeting was dissovld. *attest* Danil Heywood, modr.

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at a Town meeting held at worcester the 23^d^ day of march a. D. 1746-7 by adjournment from the third day of Said month.

William Johnson and nathanil adams who ware Chosen Constables the third Current moved to the Town that they would Chuse Danil Hubberd & Dr. Harvey to Serve in their Stead with whome they had agreed to Serve whearupon ye Town made Choice of Zachariah Harvey to Serve in ye Roome of Sd Johnson and Danil Hubbard to Serve in ye Roome of Said adams & they ware both Sworn in the meeting.

Jonathan Grout, Elisha Hedg & Danil Holdin ware Chosen Hogwards or field drivers and Said Grout was Sworn in ye meeting.

The Comitte on ye Town Tresurers accts made Report thereon and then ye Town Voted that John Chandler Esqr Town Tresurer be Discharged of ye Sum of one hundred fourty Two pound Six Shillings & nine pence halfpeny being the Several payments by him made and that he further account for ye Sum of Twenty one pound Eight Shillings & one peney half peny Last Emission Bills of Creditt a ballence in favour of the Town.

In answer to ye Tenth article in ye warrant the Comitte appointed to draw a Scheem for ye disposing Leasing & better Improving the publick lands having made a varble Report persuant to ye Sixth article in ye warrant The Town thereupon Came into ye following Vote vizt That the Sum of Three hundred pounds Last Emission Bills of Creditt be Granted to be Raised on ye Town and that ye Same be Invested in a Reale Estate as ye Town Shall direct and that ye Same together with one hundred acres of ye publick lands lying on ye Country Road leading to Leicester fourty three acres at the Rear of land belonging to the heirs of william Jenison Esqr four acres of medow Called ministeral meadow and ye School land near ye meeting house that is within fence at ye Expiration of y^e^

leases of Said School land be Sequestred to lye forever hearafter for a parsonage for ye use of the next Settled minister in this Town and for futuer ministers.

and that So much of Said Sum of three hundred pounds as Shall not be Raised by Selling or leasing of the Remainder of ye publick land or that Shall be advanced by the propriators as is proposed by the Sale of ye Comon & undivided land in this Town be assessed on ye Polls & Estats of ye Town agreeable to law & Collected and payd into ye Town Tresurey in one year & to be applyed For the use aforesd and that Efectual Care be taken that the Next and future ministers dont use any timber or wood more than they want for their own Particuler use.

Voted that Benjamin Flagg Esqr. m^r^ Samuel mower & Leut Thomas Stearns be a Comitte to wait upon the Rev^d^ m^r^ m^c^arty and Informe him of ye above vote and upon his acceptence of the Call or Invitation of ye Church & Town to the work of the ministry amongst us they Provide in the Best way & maner they Can a Suitable and Convenient House for ye Reception of him & his familey till further provision be made.

Voted that ye aforesd Comitte Return ye Thanks of ye Town to the Propriators for their Generous purpoſs to assist the Town in the Purchising a Personage to Lye & be for ye next Settled minister amongst us & for future ministers & assure them of the Gratfull Sence ye Town has of their Kind Intentions to Serve them herein and of their Great Dependence thereon.

Voted that Benjmen Flagg Esqr. m^r^ Thomas wheelor, Leu^t^. Tirus Rice be a Comitte in ye name and Behalf of ye Town to Dispose of the Remainder of ye Publick lands and medows for the best advantige of the Town and it is left to their Prudence and Discretion whether they Petition the General Court for Liberty to Sell ye Same or lease it out for nine hundred ninty nine years to Such person or persons as Shall apper to Buy or purchise ye Same and that Publick Notice be given of ye Time & place of Sale or Leasing Said lands that ye highest Bider have ye Preference that they Sell the Same in parcells if they apprehend it most for ye advantige of ye Town & in Case they Lease the Said lands that then ye Lessees pay as a Rent therefor if Demanded a Barley Corn Per

year Each During the Continuence of the Leases to ye Town Tresurer or to his Successors the Consideration of ye Lease to be the money and also Said Barly Corn and that it Shall be at the pleasure or option of the proper Signers of Each Respective Lease if they See Cause at the Termination of Said Leases to Renew ye Same for a like Number of years then next after paying as a Rent for the Same one Barly Corn yearly if Demanded and further the Town Vote that they will Effectually and to all Intents and purposes and they by this vote oblige themselves as a Town and the Town in Succeeding Generations During Said Time & Term of the Continuence of Said Leases to Save and fully to Indemnifye Said Comitte of & from all Loses Costs Harm and Damige that accrue to them at any time hearafter in Consequence of what they do or act by vertue of this vote.

The Question was put whether ye Town would proceed to ye Choice of Two Selectmen to Serve as Such & as assessors in the Roome of John Chandler & Benj^a^ Flagg Esqr who ware Chosen the Third day of march Instent and had not taken their othes as assessors & it past in ye negative.

attst John Chandler, modrator.

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at a meeting of the Qualified voters of ye Town of worcester upon due warning given assembled at ye meeting house may 4 : 1747 John Chandler Chosen modrator.

atts Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

Voted that ye following Sums of money be Granted vizt

The Sum of Thirty Seven pound Ten Shillings for ye Suport of a proper School or Schools ye present year	37	10	
To mr James Brown for Ringing ye Bell	1	05	
To Cpt Danil ward for Sweeping ye meeting house and for his horse a Jurney for mr mayhew	1	1	3
To John Chandler Jur. for finding nails & boards & bording mr mayhew & for a horse to Cary down mr Emerson	2	15	0
To Ebenezer Stearns for his horse for mr Lawrence	0	6	3
To Thomas Parker for a Chair for ye School house	0	3	6
To Thomas adams for Samuel Bixbys Taxes	0	12	6
To John Chandler Jur to Remburse John Spone[?] Tax given	1	5	10

That ye Sum of five pound Six Shillings be granted to pay ye County Tax for this year	5	6	0
To pay for Schooling at Tatnuck ye year past	1	12	0
To Ditto at Bogachoge	3	7	6
In all fifty five pound five Shillings last Imission Bills of Creditt	55	5	0

Voted that the above Sum with ye Sallary for mr maccarty and ye money Granted for to buy a parsonage & Such other Sums as may be Granted this year be made into Tax or assessment by ye assessors & that ye whole be payd in by the first day of next march to ye Town Tresurer.

after Some debate on ye Second article in ye warrant ye Question was finaly put by dividing ye voters whether the Schoole for ye present year Should be a moving School & it passed in ye Negative.

Voted that the Skirts or Quartors of ye Town that Shall keep a Schoole or Schools ꝑ ye elowence of ye Selectmen be allowed their proportionable part of ye School Tax.

The answer of the Rev^d^ mr maccarty to Church being Communicated to ye Town ye following votes passed

first voted that John Chandler, Jonas Rice & Benjamin Flagg Esqrs. Cp^t^ Golding, Messrs Thomas wheeler, Samuel mower, Thomas Stearns, John Curtice and Joshua Biglo be a Comitte forthwith to meet & Consult what may be most for the advantige of the Town whither to build a house barn &c or in Lue thereof to purchise Some house Standing on land near ye meeting house to be fited up So as handsomly to accomodate the Rev^d^ mr maccarty and that the house So purchised with any other buildings be kept in Constent good Repair at the Charge of the Town and in Case they Should Conclude to purchise that then ye Town be Informed thereof that So they may give orders for disposing of Some more of the publick lands to Enable them to make Such purchise the Same to ly for a perpetuall Parsonage agreeable to former votes of the Town.

Secondly it was further Voted that if ye Comitte Should not purchise but determine to build that then they build a Suitable house Barn & out house of Such dimensions as they Shall [judge] proper

and to be handsomly & Compleatly finished as Soon as may be at ye Charge of ye Town and in doing ye Same that they let the work out by the Great or otherwise as they apprehend will be most advantageous.

Thirdly voted that the Comitte formerly appointed to provid for the Reception of m^r^ maccarty & his familey provid keeping for a horse & one or Two Cows as he Shall Chuse untill he [comes in-] to ye possession & Improvement of ye lands designed for a Parsonage and they are also diricted to agree with those persons who have Leases of any of those lands to Resign the Same on as Easey Terms as may be and to procure liberty in ye meen time to build thereon if need bee.

Fourthly the Town taking into Consideration the fixing ye one hundred pound last Emission bills of Creditt Granted as a Sallary to mr maccarty and after Some debate thereon Come into ye following vote vizt that when they made that Grant they had Spesial Regard to the Small value of ye bills of Creditt which Induced them to Grant that Sum but if ye future Circumstances of his familey Shall Call for it they Shall Chearfully & willingly make him Such further addition as may be Judged proper from time to time but decline fixing the Same.

Fifthly voted that if it be agreeable to ye Rev^d^ m^r^ maccarty and ye Church that ye time for his Installment be on the Second wednesday of June next & that Cp^t^ ward, Cp^t^ Chandler, Messrs John Chaddick, Cornelius waldo, James Goodwin, Ephrim Curtice, John Cirtice & Danil Hubburd be a Comitte at the Charge of ye Town to provide for the handsome Entertainment of Such Revd Gentlmen & the Delegates of ye Churches to be Sent too for that purpose & for Such other Gentl^m^ as may be present at ye Solemnity & also to provide pastering for their horses.

Voted that Decon moore, Messrs Samuel mower, Joshua Biglo, Cornelious waldo & John Cirtice wait on ye Rev^d^ mr maccarty with ye foregoing votes. *Attr* John Chandler, modr.

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at a Town meeting Regulerly assembled at ye meeting house in

worcester June 15 : 1747 upon due warning given John Chandler Esqr Chosen modrator. *attest* Jonas Rice, T. Cler.

Voted that ye Cost of ye Instalment of ye Rev^d^ mr maccarty being Twenty Six pound Sixteen Shillings & Two pence farthing last Emission be now granted to be Raised on ye Poles and Estates of ye Town agreeable to Law which Sum with ye Severall Sums allredy granted be made in one Tax and that one Third part thereof be Collected and payd unto ye Town Tresurer by ye 25 day of next December and ye Residue of the whole by the first day of next march and by Sd Town Tresurer to be payd for the purposes & Intentions of ye Several Grants and that ye Sum now granted be paid to Cp^t^ John Chandler to be by him paid to whome it is due and be allowd Lawful Intrest for ye Same from time to time untill he be Repaid the whole.

Voted that this meeting and the affairs in ye warrant not fully acted on be adjourned to ye fourth monday in august next at three a Clock afternoon for further Consideration & that ye Comitte heartofore appointed for purchising lands for a ministry or for building a ministerial house &c in ye meen time proceed in that affair according to their best Discrition & Report thereon at that time but in Case they Should make Such progress therein as they may apprehend it best to lay ye affair before ye Town Sooner that then they apply to ye Selectmen for Calling a meeting for that purpose.

and this meeting was adjourned accordingly.

atts John Chandler, modrator.

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att a Town meeting Regularly assembled at ye meeting house in worcester august 24 : 1747 by adjournment from the 15th of June Last

The Comitte heartofore appointed for Purchising land for a Personage &ct made a Varble Report whearupon ye Town Voted to Purchise Capt Danil wards house with ye lands adjoyning being about Thirty acres provided it may be Purchised for four hundred pound Last Emission Bills of Creditt and also ye house & barn belonging to ye Rev^d^ m^r^ Isaac Burr with ye half acre of land on which they Stand provided ye Same may be had or bought for one hun-

dred & Sixty Two pound Ten Shillings last Emission Bills of Credditt and that Sd Comitte in Case m^r^ Burrs place be Bought Dispose of Cp^t^ wards house with ye Buildings & So much of ye land as they in their best Discretion may Judg proper & most benificial for ye Town the money arising by Such Sale to be applyed towards paying for the Said purchises.

attest John Chandler, modr.

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att a Town meeting Regulerly assembled at ye meeting house in worcester august 24 : 1747 upon due warning given.

Voted that in as much as ye Town have agreed and voted to purchise Capt Danil wards House and land adjoyning and ye Rev. mr Burrs house & barn & ye land on which they Stand Therefore Voted that ye publick land Lying near ye meeting house be Leased out for nine hundred ninty nine years for the most they will fetch and one Shilling Lawfull money to be payd annualy as a Rent the money arising by Such Lease to be applyed for & Towards paying for purchising of the Personage house & land : and that Benjamin Flagg Esqr. m^r^ Thomas wheeler & Leu^t^ Tyrus Rice be a Comitte to Dispose of ye Same accordingly and ye Town Voted to Indemnifie them fully therein.

It was also further Voted that in as much as the Town have voted & Determined to purchise a Reale Estate for a personage of ye value of Twenty Two hundred & fifty pounds which is more by one Thousand & fifty pounds than what was formerly agreed upon that John Chandler & Benjamin Flagg Esqrs be a Comitte fully Impowred to Petition ye Grate and General Court for Liberty to Sell forty acres of ministry land So Called adjoyning to land of ye heirs of william Jenison Esqr the money arising by Such Sale to be applyed towards paying the purchise Consideration aforesaid.

Attest John Chandler, modr.

Worcester Ss.

To mr Danil Hubbard one of ye Constables of ye Town of worcester Greeting

A major part of ye Comitte appointed by ye Town heartofore to purchise Lands for a personage &c having on ye 31 of august last made a Request to us the Subscribers Selectmen of worcester in the words following vizt :

Sence ye last Town meeting we have prevailed with Deacon Nathanil moore to take a Journey to windsor to See if ye Revd mr Isaac Burr would Sell his house & Barn and ye land on which they Stand for ye Sum of one hundred Sixty Two pounds Ten Shillings last Emission Bills of Creditt persuant to a late vote of ye Town & he having by Decon moore Returned for answer that he will Comply with ye Towns offor for good pay and that he will also assign Danil willards obligation for Twelve pound Ten Shillings last Emission bills of Creditt for finishing the house and in as much as there is a necessity for a grant to be made by ye Town Sufficient to make ye purchises proposed & Concluded upon at Said meeting with a vote to Indemnifie the Comitte in their Ingagments for the money as also to give Directions for finishing one of the houses proposed to be bought and for ways & meens to be agreed upon for Raising money therefor and also Directions to be given for ye Just & Equal discount out of ye money to be Raised by Tax for So much as will be Raised Either [by] the Propriators & given to ye Town or by ye Sale of the ministerial land for which liberty is alredy obtained or from the Sale of what is proposed to obtain liberty for to Sell and from the Publick land near ye meeting house proposed to be Leased &ct and also to give Directions for fiting up m^r^ Burrs house for ye present nesessity & Conveinency of m^r^ m^c^cartys famicly and to grant what money may be needfull therefor or for any other thing the Town Shall think proper to doe Relating to ye Premises and Such other things as may be needfull and also for giving Directions how and in what maner the Deed or Deeds that be taken of ye lands proposed to be bought and finaly in Case the Town upon further Consideration Should think it proper in lue of what they have hetherto done incline to give mr maccarty in Case he accepts thereof a Certain Sum of money to Setle himself and in Case they Should So doe then to Direct how & in what way to Dispose of ye publick lands near ye meeting house to

aid ye Town therein in Such way as ye Town think proper wherefore we pray a Town meeting may be Called for these purposes as Soon as may be with Conveincy.

These are therefore to Require you in ye usual way & manor to warn & give notice to ye Qualified voters in this Town to assemble & meet together at ye meeting house on Fryday ye Eleventh Instent by one of ye Clock in the afternoon precisly then & there to vote & act on articles aforesaid and you are also to notifie all persons in Said Town who have not yet given in Lists of their Estats to bring them in at Said meeting to ye Selectmen.

Fail not & make Return hearof of your doings hearin timly to ye Selectmen Dated at worcester this Second day of Septr A Dom 1747 by order of ye Selectmen.

Jonas Rice, T Cler.

At a Town meeting Regulerly assembled at ye meeting house in worcester on Fryday ye Eleventh of Septembr A D 1747 upon due warning given John Chandler Esqr C modr.

Attes Jonas Rice, T Cler.

The Warrant for ye meeting being Read and after a Debate thereon ye Question was Put whether ye Town Inclined to give a Certain Sum of money as a Setlement to ye Revd mr maccarty in Case he would accept Thereof Instead of a Personage and it pased in the Negative by a very grate majority.

It was also voted that ye Comitte heartofore Chosen & appointed for Purchising a Personage &c doe as Soon as may be Compleat ye proposed Bargain with Cp Danil ward for his place that ye Deed Thereof be taken in the Name of John Chandler Esqr the Present Town Tresurer and to his Successors in Said office for Ever to & for the Special use and Service of ye Church and Congration in this Town to lye for and forever to Remain as a personag for ye use & Service of ye Rev^d^ mr maccarty our Present Pastor During his Continuance in ye work of ye ministry amongst us and also for Such future ministers as Shall be Legally & Regulerly Setled in this Town of ye Congregational Perswasion vizt for the

use Service & Benifit of Such ministers as Shall Successivly be Settled a Pastor over the Church & Congregation in this Town as Successors to mr maccarty forever and too and for no other use: that ye Comitte Ingage to pay ye Purchise Consideration in Such time as they Can agree for in which ye Town will Indemnifye them & fully to Enable them (It was voted that a grant of Three hundred pounds in Last Emission Bills of Creditt be now made and that the Same be Leveid on ye Poles and Estates of the Inhabitents of ye Town agreeable to law) with ye money alredy Granted and to be payd into ye Town Tresury by the Last of next march which Sum with ye Three hundred pounds heartofore Granted making in ye whole Six hundred pounds be applyed by the Comitte to pay Said Purchise and to make Such new addation to to ye house alredy on the place as to Render the Same accomadable for the Reception of mr maccarty and his family and most Conducive to ye advantige of the Town and that in Prosecuting ye Trust Now & heartofore Reposed in them they Proceed in Such way as may be most Effectual for Compleating the Building in all Regards well and as Soon as may be according to their Best Descretion.

Voted that ye Town Tresurer pay Said money agreeably and in all Regards according to ye Design of ye grant and as the Said Comitte Shall want ye Same for ye purposes aforesaid.

Voted that the money that may be Raised Either by the Propriators and given to ye Town or by ye Sale of the ministerial land for which Liberty is alredy obtained or from the Sale of what is proposed to obtain Liberty to Sell and from the publick lands near ye meeting house proposed to be Leased be payd into ye hands of the Town Tresurer for ye time being and that ye Selectmen & assessors Proportion ye Same too & among all ye People Taxed in Proportion to Each ones Tax & that orders pass from ye Town Tresurer to ye Constables to Discount the Same accordingly.

Voted that ye Comitte appointed to make Sale of the ministerial Lott of one hundred acres and for Leasing of ye Publick land near ye meeting house be Desired forthwith to Prosecute that affair according to former votes in which the Town will Indemnifye them fully to all Intents and purposes that So ye Town may have the Benifitt of ye money.

Voted that Benjamin Flagg Esqr. mesrs Samuel mower & Thomas Stearns forthwith at ye Cost of ye Town Put ye Revd mr Burrs house into Such Repair as may be necessary for the Comfort of mr maccarty & his familey as also ye Barn for keeping his horse and other Creturs aggreable to former votes.

At Said meeting ye foregoing Votes past.

Atts John Chandler, modr.

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at a Town meeting Regulerly assembled at ye meeting house in worcester on Fryday the 25 Day of September A D 1747 upon Due warning given John Chandler Esqr was Chosen modr.

attst Jonas Rice, T Cler.

Inasmuch as it appears that Cp^t Danil ward has Refused Selling his place on ye Terms proposed

Voted that ye Comitte hetherto Chosen and appointed to purchise a personage &c Do as Soon as may be Purchise Doctor Samuel Brecks house and Land on which it Stands being Two acres and a Quarter provided he will take one hundred Eighty Seven pound Ten Shillings Last Emission Bills of Creditt for ye Same Seventy five pound whearof to be payd him in one month and one hundred and Twelve pound Ten Shillings the Remainder of Said Sum to be payd by ye first of april next Provided also the Docter Deliver up the possession of the house So that m^r maccarty have Liberty to Remove into ye Same and ye Comitte are to Let ye Doctor Live in mr Burrs house Till ye first of april next that the Deed be taken in all Regards in ye way & manner proposed and voted to be Taken at the meeting of the Eleventh Instent of Capt ward.

It was also voted that the Grant of Three hundred pounds Last Emission made at Said meeting be not assessed as by the Grant was proposed but the former Grant of Three hundred pounds be applyed for paying the purchise Consideration to Doctor Breck and for Compleatly finishing the house Building & Finishing a Suitable Kitchin & Studdy and for Repairing the Barn and addition thereto for ye Chaise house or Building a new one to answer both

Ends to Stone ye well fence in a Gardin place and Such other things as ye Committe Shall Judge proper.

It was also Voted that ye Committe for Selling ye one hundred acres of ministerial land be as Speedy as may be in ye Sale Thereof and that ye Tax be made So much ye Less as the Land Sells for and ye Committe are Directed to Sell the Same for Redy money to be payd into ye hands of ye Tresurer and applyed for ye purposes Designed and that the First payment to Doctor Breck be made out of ye Same and that ye Comitte for Leasing ye Publick land near ye meeting house Dont proceed in that affair the Same being to Lye for ye use of m^r^ maccarty as formerly proposed.

the foregoing votes past at Said meeting

atts John Chandler, modr.

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att a Town meeting held at worcester on Fryday ye 16 day of october a D 1747 upon due warning given John Chandler Esqr. Chosen modr. *atest* Jonas Rice, T C.

Upon a debate on ye first article in ye warrent ye Town ware of opinion that inasmuch as Dor Hervey one of the present Constables is not yet Removed out of Town it was not proper to Chuse a Constable or Collector to Collect the Taxes of this year in his Roome but Danil Hubberd one of ye present Constables appeared in ye meeting & Consented to Collect ye whole Taxes this article was not acted on Save that the Town are Consenting to Sd Hubbards Collecting the whole Taxes ye present year.

Voted that John Chandler, Jonas Rice, Benjamin Flagg Esqrs be a Comitte to procure a highway to ye ministerial land at ye Rear of Judge Jenisons heirs land on ye best Terms they Can Either by paying for ye Same in money or in land and Report their doings to ye Town at ye next march meeting for their approbation.

Voted that John Chandler, Jonas Rice & Benjamin Flagg Esqrs Deacon moore, Major Heywood, m^r^ Thomas Wheelor and m^r^ James Boyd be a Comitte for Seeting ye meeting house for preventing persons from Sitting Disorderly that ye Rules for Governing themselves by therein be age pay & Dignity as near as may be

and that ye Committe in Regard to pay Look Back to ye Taxes of 1745 & 1746 together with ye present year.

Attest John Chandler, modr.

. at a General Town meeting held at Worcester march 7 : 1747-8 for ye Choice of Town officers at Sd meeting Benjamin Flagg Esqr was Chosen modr. *atts* Jonas Rice, T Clerk.

at Sd meeting ye following persons were Chosen Town officers for ye year Ensuing vizt

·John Chandler Esqr. ·Benj^a^ Flagg Esqr. ·major Danil Heywood, ·m^r^. Thomas Stearns, ·Cp^t^ John Chandler Jur. Selectmen & assessors.

·Jonas Rice, T Clerk.

·Danil Boyden, ·Israel Jenison, Constables.

·John Chandler Esqr. T Tresurer.

·Cp^t^ Benj^a^ Flagg, ·Danil Hubbard, ·Tirus Rice, ·Samuel mower, ·Joshua Biglo, ·Joseph Clerk, ·John Boyden, ·Robert Barbor, Surveyors of highways & Collectors of ye highway Rate.

·John Chaddick, Sealor of Lether.

·David Bancroft, ·Ebenezer Willington, ·Luke Brown, fence viewers.

James Goodwin, ·John Smith, Tythingmen.

·John Gates, ·absalom Rice, Deer Reives.

·major Danil Heywood, C of ye markitt.

·Nathanil Green, ·obadiah ward, ·James Forbush Junr. Edward Knight, ·Joseph moore, hog Reives.

The persons marked · are all Sworn to ye Faithfull Discharg of their Respective offices.

James Brown Chosen Grandjuryman.

Voted that ye Town will Continue the Incourigment for Killing of woulves and Rattlesnaks for one year next Ensuing.

Voted that messrs Corneilus waldo, John Chaddick & Joshua Biglo be a Comitte to Setle accots with the Town Tresr and make Report.

Voted that one hundred pound last Emission bill of Creditt be granted for the Repairing highways and Bridges in this Town Sayd

money to be assessed and Disposed of in ye Same method as the one hundred & fifty pound was granted ye last year.

Voted that major Heywood, Lieut. Tyrs Rice, Cp^t^ Flagg, m^r^ John Cirtise & m^r^ Joshua Biglo be a Comitte to agree with the Leasors of the School land if they Can upon Reasonable Terms that So ye Rev^d^ mr maccarty may Come into ye full Possession of them this Spring agreeable to ye Vote of ye Town.

Voted that the Second article* in ye warrant together with ye other affairs not acted on be Continued to the adjournment of this meeting for further Consideration.

and then ye meeting was adjourned to the first monday of april next at Ten a Clock in ye forenoon at the meeting house in Said Town. *atts* Benj^a^ Flagg, modr.

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at a meeting of ye Qualified Voters in worcester by adjournment from march 7 : 1747-8 to april 4 : 1748 and then met

Voted that ye Selectmen provid a Leagul & Suitable School master for ye year Ensuing on as Reasonable Terms as they Can.

Voted that ye Sum of one hundred pound granted in march last for making mending & Repairing of highways &c in ye Town the Current year be assessed agreeable to direction for making ye Tax ye Last year Called ye highway Tax and Lists with warrants be Comitted to ye Several Surveyers in the way directed ye Last year and that ye Same wages be allowed this year as was ye last and that ye Collectors adjust their accuts with ye Town Tresr by ye fifteenth of December next that all persons that have not been Duly warned to worke the Last year & are Still behind in the payment of the Same be allowed to work out the Same this present year under ye direction of ye present Surveyers provided they work out ye Same by ye 20 of may next and all Such as have over worked their Last years Tax be allowed ye Same out of ye present Tax.

The Comitte for agreeing with ye Leasors of ye publick lands mad Report which was not accepted. *attest* Benj^a^ Flagg, modr.

**Second article:*—"To give proper orders for providing a Schoolmaster for the year Ensuing."

memorandum of a Road Two Rod wide Layd out from mill-Stone hill Through ye Land of major Henchmans to ye Country Road beginning at a white oak tree being ye Corner of Said farm thence to a Black oak on or about ye Line then to a walnut Stak in ye Line between mr John Ball and Said farm thence turning Southwest to a pine tree marked then to a walnut tree marked then to a Red oak marked then to a popler three marked then to a grate Rock near ye Brow of the hill then to a Small Black oak markt then to the grate Road afore mentioned provided the owners of the Land will give ye Same for that use and ye Town are at no Charge for ye Land.

The above Road accepted by ye Town with ye above provisal

Joshua Biglo, Danil ward, James Boyd } *Selectmen of worcester*

attest Benj^a^ Flagg, modr.

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also a Road Laid out Two Rod wide from Thomas adams Line Through the land of mr John Ball begining at a walnut tree markt in Sd Balls land Then to ye Black oak tree marked above mentioned ye two marks to be on ye East Side of ye way.

march 5 : 1747-8

The above Road was accepted by ye Town provided ye owner of ye land gives it for that use.

Joshua Biglo, Danil ward, James Boyd } *Selectmen of worcester*

attest Benjamin Flagg, modr.

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memorandum of a Road Layd out beginning at Leicester Line and Runing Through the land of David Earl the Line between mr Thomas Wheeler and Sd Earl to be the North bounds of Said way till it Comes to ye Corner of mr wheelors fence then turning North Easterly by a Small Chustnut marked and So Through ye land of Thomas wheelor as tis marked by trees to ye land of James Trobridg and Through his land as marked to the Corner of his fence and then on his land the Line between David Young and Sd Trobridg to be ye East bound of Said way till it Comes to a Chustnut

tree marked in Sd line Then partly on Trobridg and partly on young till it meets the old Road Said way to be Two Rods wide.

Worcester march 3 : 1747-8 — Joshua Biglo, Danil ward, James Boyd } *Selectmen of worcester*

The above Road was accepted provided ye owners of ye land give ye Same for that use & the Town are at no Charg for ye Same. *atts* Benj^a^ Flagg, modr.

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a way laid out from Joseph wileys to ye Road leading by Cp^t^. moores begining at ye house of Said wiley & So Runing as ye old way is now trod till it Come to a Red oak tree marked and So by Sundry trees marked till it Coms to the aforesd old path and then to the Corner of ye widow wallises fence ye aforesd mark to be on ye west Side of ye way and then threw the land of ye heirs of Judg Pallmer to ye East bound of Sd way and then Through ye land of Rubin moore till it Coms to ye Lane by his Barn ye Trees marked in moors land to be on ye west Side of ye way The way to be two Rod wide.

Worcester march 5 : 1747-8 — Joshua Biglo, Danil ward, James Boyd } *Selectmen of worcester*

The above way was accepted by ye Town provided the owners of ye land give it for that use and the Town are at no Charge for ye Same *atts* Benjamin Flagg, modr.

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at a General Town meeting held at Worcester on monday ye fourth day of april 1748 upon Due warning given John Chandler Esqr was Chosen modrator. *atts* Jonas Rice, T Clerk.

Voted that ye following Sums of money be granted vizt

To adonjah Rice for Sawing 875 feet of plank	0	17	6
To Danil Boyden for 330 feet of plank	1	0	6
To mr Samuel moore for work posts & Rails	0	5	8
To mr william Johnson for Sundries about ye meeting house & Schoole house	0	7	7
To Cp Danil ward for taking Care of ye meetinghouse	1	0	0
To mr James Brown for Ringing ye Bell	1	5	0

To ye County Tax for ye Current year	3	10	8
To Constabel Hubbard for oslinds Rates ye year past	0	4	7
To Constable Boyd for ye year 1746 for oslind	0	16	0
To Constable Clerk for moses Bennits Rates for 1745	0	17	1
To Cpt James moore for plank	0	7	6
To Cp Golding for his Expense going after mr Langdon	0	10	0
Voted that 19: 19: 91-2 be allowed to John Chandler Esqr Town Tresurer being a Dificiency as by his acct for ye last year	19	19	91-2
To Danil Biglo be allowed 30 s 2 being a Pole Tax for ye year past on acct of Sickness in his familey	1	10	2
	33	11	4

The Comitte appointed to Setle accts with John Chandler Esqr Town Tresurer mad Report which was accepted by which it appears that he has payd four hundred forty one pound fourteen Shillings & four pence Last Emission Bills of Creditt of which Sum he is Discharged & that there was out Standing in Constable Hubbards hands ninety three pound Sixteen Shillings & two pence half peny which Sum the Sd Tresurer is further to account for when Received in.

voted that major Heywood, major Rice & mr Samuel mower be a Comitte to view & make Report what part of ye publick land it may be necessary for the Town to Clear & Fence for the advantige of ye Rev^d^ mr maccarty & Report thereon to ye adjournment of this meeting that So ye Town may act Thereon.

Colln Chandler & others a Comitte appointed for procuring a Road of major Heywood for ye advantige of Coming at the ministerial land by way of Exchanging Some of ye School land on ye East Side mill Brook Reported Verbely that they apprehended it would be of Service to make ye Exchang but as ye waters were very high they Could not See So as to Compleat ye Bargin whearupon it was voted that the Comite be fully Impowred to perfict Said Exchange of land in the best way they Can in which ye Town will Indemnifye them and Report thereon at ye adjournment of this meeting.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to fryday ye Sixth day of

may next at three a Clock afternoon to meet at ye meeting house then to further act on articles mentioned in ye warrant.

atts John Chandler, modr.

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at a General Town meeting held at worcester ye Sixth day of may 1748 by adjournment from ye fourth day of april last past

Voted that the Sum of ninety five pound Last Emission be Granted to be assessed agreeable to Law for ye Support of a School for providing hay & pasturing for the Rev^d^ m^r^ maccartys Creaturs agreeable to former votes for the alterations & Repairs of ye meeting house and for Such Town Charges as may arise the money to be Drawn out of the Town Tresury by orders from the Selectmen the account to be approved by the Town and that Said Sum with Such Sums as have heartofore been Granted for ye affairs of ye Current year Including the ministrs Sallary be made in one assessment and Collected and payd to the Town Tresurer one Third by the 25 of December & ye Residue by ye first of march next.

Collo Chandler from ye Comitte appointed to Treat with major Heywood for a Road to ye ministerial land adjoyning to Judg Jenisons heirs Informed ye Town that they had not agreed as was proposed by way of Exchanging Schoole land &ct whearupon the Town voted that the Same Comitte be disired to Treat with Said Heywood [for] a Road in the place proposed and to Exchange Sume of ye ministeral land for the Same and to Report to the Town what they may apprehend best for the Town to doe at the next Town meeting.

Major Heywood from ye Comitte appointed to take into Consideration & Report what part of ye ministreal land would be of advantige to Clear Reported whearupon the Town Came into ye following vote vizt that Said Comitte procure in ye best way they Can & as Speedily as may be fifteen acres of ministreal land adjoyning to Judge Jenisons heirs to be Efectuly Cleared and fenced and that the Trees growing Thereon be Cut into wood and ye Comitte are directed to notifie people to work theron and those that work faithfully to be allowed Reasonable wages for the Same.

The foregoing votes past *atts* John Chandler, modr.

at a Town meeting held at worcester may Sixth 1748 at Said meeting John Chandler Esqr was Chosen modr.

atts Jonas Rice, T Cler.

voted that the mens Seats in ye Body of ye meeting house be Inlarged to ye womens Seats and that ye Space between Judge Jenisons heirs & Lieut Stearns pew be devided and added to their pews they Consenting & that ye doors to these pews be made to Come out into the hind alley and that a man & a woman be placed in Each of these pews by ye Comitte for Seating ye meeting house and that all needed Repairs in ye Gallarys & Seet in ye mens Gallary & a Seat for ye Children be made in ye Body before the Seats it was also voted that Good & Substential Steps be made at ye dores of ye meeting house and ye Comitte for Seating ye house are disired to Effect ye above things as Soon as may be at ye Charge of ye Town.

Voted that if proper persons appear to Said Comitte to Build a pew over the womens Stairs that Said Comitte allow of ye Same to be Regulated by them.

Voted that the Schoole for this year be a moving School to be kept in ye Town platt ye Three winter months and Ten weeks in four places usually Called ye four Quarters vizt Ten weeks in Each Quarter It was also voted that mesurs Thomas Stearns, Samuel mower, Joshua Biglo, John Cirtise & Danil Boyden be a Comitte to Determine what part of ye Town Shall be Deamed the Town platt and also to affix the Limits or bounds of ye four Quarters & fix a place to Erect School houses on when ye Town Shall vote to build them and Report their doings to ye Town at their next Town meeting for ye Towns allowence and that in ye mean time ye Quarters provide Sutable places as near as may be to ye Center of ye Inhabitents whear ye School houses may be built to accomodate the Schollers.

Voted that Colln Chandler, messurs Samuel mower, Joshua Biglo, John Cirtise & Danil Boyden be a Comitte to provid a proper School master at ye Best terms they Can for ye Current year.

The above votes past

attest John Chandler, modr.

at a General Town meeting held at worcester on march Sixth 1748-9 At Said meeting John Chandler Esq[r] was modrator.

Jonas Rice, Town Cler.

at Said meeting the following officers ware Chosen for y[e] year Ensuing vizt

John Chandler Esq[r]. Benj[a] Flagg Esq[r]. major Danil Heywood, Cp[t] John Chandler, Decon Thomas wheelor, Selectmen & assessors

Jonas Rice Esq[r]. Town Clerk.

John Chandler Esq[r]. T Tresr.

Isearil Jenison, Francis Herrington, Constables.

John Chandler Jur Esq[r]. James How, Absalom Rice, Benj[a] Flagg Esq[r]. James Boyd, Josiah Holdin, Joshua Biglo, Elisha Smith & Samuel mower wear Chosen Surveyrs of highways and Collectors of y[e] highway Tax [this] & were all of them Sworn to both offices.

John Chaddick, Sealer of Lether.

David Bancroft, Luke Brown, John Gates, Ebenezer Willington, fence viewers.

Jacob Chamberlin, John Chandler Jur Esq[r]. Tythingmen.

Eliakem Rice, Elisha Smith Jur. Deer Reves.

major Heywood, Cler of y[e] market.

Danil Heywood Jur. adonijah Rice, Nathanil adams, Ezekiel How, Robert Gray, Stephen Sawin, Hog Reves.

m[r] Joshua Biglo was Chosen Grand Juryman for y[e] year Ensuing.

Voted that messrs Isreal Jenison, James moore, James Goodwin, James moore, [*sic*] Thomas Stearns & Danil Boyden be a Comitte to provide a Suitable Schoole master for y[e] year Ensuing agreeable to Law.

the Selectmen made Report of Sundry Roads or ways by them laid out in y[e] Town and a Road at Tadnick hill to be Discontinued and a new one laid out in lieu thereof all which ware Received & accepted and y[e] Road proposed to be Discontinued was accordingly Discontinued.

The Reports are on file.

Voted that mr Cirtise and Elisha Smith & Cpt ward be a Comitte to Settle accuts with ye Town Tresr & to Report unto ye Debt and Creditt meeting.

Voted that ye Town will give ye Same Incourigment for Killing of woulves & Rattle Snaks as was voted ye Last year.

The Comitte for Seeting ye meeting house made Report of their doings which was Read and accepted by ye Town.

a Petition of Elisha Smith Jur & five others praying for Liberty to build a Pew in ye meeting house in ye mens Side Gallary on the back of ye Seats

Voted that the Petition be So far Granted as that the Petitioners have Liberty to build a pew in ye place prayed for to Extend from the north Side of ye house to ye Second Post provided that in doing the Same they do not make ye Seats before Said pew narrower then the Seats are in ye womens Side Gallary before the pew there and if Said pew will hold more persons then the Petitioners & their wives that ye Late Seators of the meeting house properly order the Charge to be payd Equaly by those that Sit there and whearas ye Petitioners are Seeted already it was voted that as Soon as Said pew is finished that Said Seators fill their places with other persons.

The Comitte appointed to fix places for Erecting School houses on in ye out Quarters of ye Town made Report which was Read & accepted & is on file It was also voted that Danil Hubbard be Deamed one of Insign Parkers Row and that Said Row & Elisha Smiths Row So Called be [paid] their part of ye Tax or money that may be yearly granted for Schooling So long as Said School houses when built Shall Stand provided they Expend Said money in Schooling their Children to ye acceptence of the Town.

Voted that Benjamin Flagg Eqr. be desired to Treat and agree with Cornelious waldo Esqr. for ye land Conteined in the Road laid out on ye South Side his land to the ministerial land and Report thereon as Soon as may be.

In answer to ye Eighth article in ye warrent Voted that the Sum of Seventy five pound in Bills of Creditt of ye Last Emission be assessed on ye Poles & Estates in this Town according to ye Rules Sett in ye Last Province Tax and as near to ye List of Polles &

Estates taken the Last year as may be So that Justice be don and that ye Same be assessed in or before ye month of april next and Lists thereof Comitted to the Collectors now Chosen for that purpose with warrants for Collecting the Same that Said Sum be this year applyd towards making Such Bredges as are nesessary and for Repairing Decayd ones & for puting all needfull Causeways & Roads into good Repair & keeping them So within this Town and that ye persons So Taxed have Liberty to work out Each one his Tax or assessment If they See Cause at ye Rates & prises voted in ye year 1747 & 1748 & in that proportion and if any person or persons to be assessed as aforesd Shall neglect or Refuse to work out his or their Tax having had Six days notice given him agreeable to Law that then he Shall pay his Tax in Bills of Creditt as aforesd to be Collected as other Town Taxes are by Collectors and ye money So Collected to be applyed to & for ye uses aforesd & for no other.

That the Selectmen with a Justice of ye peace Set forth to Each Surveyr his district or Limits in which he is to work agreeable to Law That Sd Collectors Compleat their Collections and Settle their accounts theirof with ye Town Tresurer or his Successor by the 25th day of July next.

It was further Voted that Such persons as have not payd all their highway Tax for ye last year have Liberty to pay ye Same in work this year provided they work out ye Same before the 20th of June next.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to ye first mondy in June next at one a Clock in ye afternoon.

attest John Chandler, modratr.

We ye Subscribers being appointed a Comitte to fix ye Limits of the four Quarters of ye Town & fix places to Erect Schoolhouses on and make Return to this meeting have Taken ye matter under Consideration & Report as follows vizt That ye place for ye School house in ye East quarter be between Benjmin Flaggs Junr and mathias Stons and that the place for ye School house in ye west quarter be in ye Crotch of ye paths Between old mr Johnsons & his

Son Solomons and that ye School house in ye South quarter be on ye hill between nathanil moores Junr & william Elders near ye Road in Case ye Town Shall think fit to Comply with the Request of a Small number of famileys in Ensign Parkers Row to allow them their own money in ye School Rate and that the School house in ye North quarter be placed near Lieut Fisks provided ye Same Request be granted to a fue families in Elisha Smiths Row.

Worcester Febr ye 10 : 1749. Thomas Stearns, Sam^ll^ mower, Joshua Biglo, Danil Boyden, John Cirtice } *Comitte*

at ye annual meeting in march 1748-9 this Report was Read & accepted & voted that Danil Hubbard be Counted one of Ensign Parkers Row. *attest* John Chandler, modr.

The Subscribers have Layd out a Town way in worcester Three Rods wide Comonly known & Called ye new Road land being left by ye Propriators of Said Town for ye Same begining at ye Corner of Lieut John Fisks fence by his Sider mill So by Fisks fence & Trees marked on ye northerly Side of Said Road untill it Extends to Dawsons Brook & over Sd Brook in ye old foard way then by ye land of John Fisk Junr till it Extends to ye Road Leading to Robert Barbers then turning Southrly by Barbers Road till it Extends over a Small Slough then turning westrly through the land of Corneilus waldo Esqr by marked trees on ye north Side of Sd Road till it Extends to ye land belonging to ye heirs of major Danil Henchman Deceast and So by marked Trees on ye northerly Side of Saide Road till it Extends to land of Joshua Heath Esqr. thence Running through Said Heaths by the Dwelling house whear Joseph moore now Dwells untill it Extends to ye Lane Leading to the Dwelling house of Stephen Sawing.

at ye annual meeting in march 1748-9 ye above Return of ye Road or way therein mentioned was accepted ℔ the Town. Danil Heywood, Benj^a^ Flagg, John Chandler Jur, Thomas Stearns } *Selectmen of worcester*

atts John Chandler, modr.

a memorandum of Sundry Roads Laid out in worcester by ye Selectmen of Said Town in the year 1748 vizt a Road Leading from Joseph wileys into ye Road that leads from ye meeting house to Holdin by the house of Lanclet olivers begining at a white oake Tree marked on ye South Side a Little Brook In ye Land of Joseph wiley to another white oake Tree marked and from thence to a heep of Stones turning Round a Corner of Coll Heaths fence & from thence to a heep of Stons in an angle of ye fence and from thence to a heep of Stons on a Stump in ye feild and from thence to ye north Corner of Said Heaths house in the occupation of James Hamilton and from thence to an appletree marked and from thence to a Stump with a heep of Stons on it in william m^c^farlinds Land and from thence to a walnut tree marked and then by two Stumps marked and then to Run between Sd m^c^farlings house & Barn & from thence to a white ocke Tree and from thence to a Black oake marked Crossing a Corner of Said Heaths Land and Running on ye Line between Danil Henchman Esqr & Said Heath to a Chustnut Tree marked near ye Trod Road to Joseph mores & from thence Down ye Road to Lanclet olivers aforesd partly as it [is] now Trod and by markt Trees ye Road aforesd to ly on ye South or Southrly Side the marks & is two Rods wide.

also we have Laid out a Road to accomodate Stephen Sawing as follows vizt to begin at ye Southerly Side of a litle bridge South of his house as ye Road is now trod Into ye Six Road So Called three Rod wide.

We are also of opinion that ye Road Layd out by the Selectmen ye Last year through ye Land that now belongs to Richard Flagg & partly through David Youngs land till it Comes up to Deacon wheelors land to accomodate David Earl & Samuel Thomas ought to be Discontinued through Said Flaggs land & youngs aforesaid and we have accordingly Laid out and markt a Road in ye Room thereof begining at the most northerly Corner of Said Flaggs land that lyes on the Southrly Side the Road to Decon wheelors and on ye line between Said Flagg & wheelor and from thence to Run on Said line by marked trees till it Interfears with the aforesd Road which we apprehend will best Suit ye persons Traviling therein &

that it will [be] of Less Damige to ye owners of ye land & less Charge in Clearing & makeing ye Same Said Road to be two Rods wide and to lye on ye westerly Side Said marks in Said wheelors Land.

We have also Laid out a Road through Gates or Bars through the Land of David Earl to ye Easterly Corner of Samuel Thomas Improvements Runing northerly or northEastery a Cross a Stoney flat peace of land to ye Road by Said Earls.

We have also Laid out a Road to accomodate ye ministearial house Lot the house Lott of ye heirs of Joshua Rice & Likewise Joseph Bill Vizt beginning on ye line between Cornelus waldo of Boston Esqr & nir Luke Browns land Just above Said waldos Sawmill till it Coms to ye ministearial land aforesaid Said Road So far to Run in Said waldos land and thence Runing between ye land of Said waldo & ye ministerial land aforesaid till it Comes to Said Rices heirs land Said Road from Browns land to lye in the ministeril land & from thence to Run on ye line between Said Rices heirs land & ye land of one walker till it Coms to a heep of Stons by a Post a litle north of an old Seller Said Road to lye in Said Rices heirs land from thence Turning & Runing to a heep of Stones in Said Bills fence ye last mentioned angle in ye Road not as to Deprive Said walker of ye head of a Spring of water between ye two last mentioned marks Said Road to be Two Rods wide.

at ye annual meeting in march 1748-9 the above & foregoing Report of Sundry ways laid out was Read & accepted by ye Town *atts* John Chandler modr.

John Chandler
Danil Heywood
Benj^a^ Flagg
Thomas Stearns
John Chandler Jur

} *Selectmen of worcester*

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at a Town meeting held at worcester on ye 28th day of may Regulerly assembled John Chandler Esqr was Chosen modrator.

Atts Jonas Rice, T Cler.

Voted that ye following Sums in new Tenor bills of Creditt be granted & Payd Vizt.

	£		
To Cpt ward for taking Care of ye meeting house	1	5	0
To mr James Brown for Ringing ye Bell	2	0	0
To Cpt ward for keeping ye Glezeirs & their horses & for bord	0	12	0
To John mahon for work on ye meeting house	1	9	9
To mr John Ball for Timber	0	16	6
To noah Jones for 800 feet of Boards	2	10	0
To John Chandler Esqr for Clapboards & Troughs	1	8	6
To ye Comitte for Clearing ministeariI land 31 days 3 s 6 a day	5	8	6
To Thomas Cowden part of his Pole Tax	0	9	8
To Cpt Stearns for his Sons Pole Tax being Sickly	1	14	9
To Cpt James moare for 22 Rattlesnaks Tails	0	11	0
To major Heywood & mr John Chaddick for ye Ston Steps at the meeting house	5	0	0
To Joshua Childs Third for his Tax ye last year	0	17	4
To Benjmin Crosby for Tar	0	3	0
for ye Suport of ye School	75	0	0
To John Chandler Esqr to pay for mr maccartys Barn	11	0	0
To Deacon Rice for his Sons Pole Tax for ye year 1747	1	15	0
Voted that ye Sum of 37 10 0 be granted to ye Revd mr maccarty for his more Comfortable Suport for the year Ensuing	37	10	0
for ye County Tax that may be granted this year	8	0	0
To John Chandler Esqr being ye balence of his accounts as Town Tresurer	34	17	21-2
	192	8	21-2

voted that ye aforegoing Sums together with ye annual Sallary of the Rev^d^ mr macckety of one hundred pound making in ye whole Two hundred ninety Two pound Eight Shillings & Two pence half peny be made in one Tax that half thereof be payd by the 25 day of next Decembr and the other half by the first day of march next to ye Tow[n] Tresurer to be by him paid to whome it is due.

The Comitte appointed to Settle accuts with Coll Chandler Town Tresur made Report by which it appears ye Town are Indebted to him Thirty four pound Seventeen Shillings & Two pence half peny which was accepted of by ye Town.

In answer to ye Petition of Thomas Adames voted that he have Liberty to build a pew between the late Judge Jenisons pew &

Leiut Stearnses Pew he altring the Dores in those pews properly & taking in with him a man with his wife Such as ye Comitte for Seeting the meeting house Shall appoint.

Voted [that] major Rice, m^r^ Samuel mower, Deacon wheelor, Benjamin Flagg, John Chandler Junr Esqrs be a Comitte to Inquire into and Remove all Incumbrences on the Roads & ways in ye Town.

Voted that the Comitte formerly appointed for Clearing ye ministeriall Land proceed therin & that the fifteen acres proposed to be Cleared be Effectually Cleared & fenced & that ye Comitte Lett it out by the Great to Some proper Persons paying them in money or the wood & Timbor growing thereon or by Imploying persons at day Labour as they Shall Judge most for the Towns Intrest.

voted that the Sum of Thirty Eight Shillings be Granted and Raised with ye Sums afore granted & that ye Selectmen Equetably adjust the affair of pasturing mr maccartys horse & Cow between Cp^t^ ward & Lieut Stearns.

voted that Coll Chandler at ye Charge of ye Town fence ye front of mr maccartys Lott by his house & his Gardin with boards properly and that he Paint ye out Side of ye house & lay his accut before ye Town for payment.

voted that m^r^ Joshua Biglo, Cp^t^ moore, mr John Curtice, m^r^ Jonas Brown & mr Boyde be a Comitte to Consider of ye proposall of Palmer Golding for a house Lott of ye ministerial land & also a proposall of John Chandler Junr Esqr for Leasing all or part of ye public land near his house & if they think it best for ye Town to Comply with Either or both of Said proposals that then they Discourse [with] ye Rev^d^ mr maccarty thereon and if his Leave may be obtained that they Report to ye Town at ye adjournment of this meeting what they think proper for ye Town to doe thereon.

voted that this meeting be adjourned to this place to the last monday of this month to four a Clock afternoon.

atts John Chandler, modr.

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att a Town meeting held at worcester may may 29 : 1749 by ádjournment from ye 8th of this Instent may by ye Qualified voters.

Voted that there be allowed to James Trobridge for plank for half way River Bridg	1	8	6
To Cpt James moore for Two Rattle Snaks Tails	0	1	0
To Coll Chandler to pay ye Revd mr Frink for preching	2	0	0
that ye Sum of five pound be allowed & Raised for paying ye assessors for taking ye Valluation agreeable to Law	5	0	0
and that Said Sum be assessed with ye money formerly Granted	8	9	6

new Tenor

m^r^ Joshua Biglo & ye Comitte appointed on ye motion of Palmer Golding Junr & John Chandler Junr Esqr made Report which was Read.

Voted that John Chandler Esqr. Messrs John Curtice, Israel Jenison, James Brown & Doctr Breck be a Comitte finally to Setle ye Leases with ye Leesees of ye Publick land & See that they fulfill ye Same and ye Said Comitte are Effectualy to Repair ye old Barn on ye Parsonage land & See that there be a Suitable Barn floore & floors for ye Stable & Cow house That they make proper Inside fenses on ye Parsonage Land as they think proper & that ye whole be put into good Repair for ye Service of ye Revd mr maccarty agreeable to ye originall design of ye Town & lay their accounts before ye Town for payment.

Voted that mr Palmer Golding Junr have Liberty to Purchise half an acre of ye Towns land Exste of y^r^ Lott of mr Fessenden & north of Cp^t^ wards land & that Messrs Samuel mower, James Boyd & John Curtice be a Comitte to view lay out & Report their opinion to ye next Town meeting what may be further proper for ye Town to do hearon.

Voted that major Danil Heywood, John Chandler Junr Esqr and Cpt Danil ward be a Comitte at ye Charge of ye Town to Settle ye Lines of ye Publick lands adjoyning to Mesrs Harper & william mahan & others and that they fence in ye Cleard part thereof & Such a part thereof as may be Servisable and Clear it for ye Benefite of mr maccarty & lay their accout before ye Town for payment.

The foregoing votes past

attst John Chandler, modr.

at a Town meeting meeting of ye Inhabitents of worcester Qualified to vote in Town affairs Regulerly assembled october 31 : 1749 upon due warning given

At Sd meeting Coll Chandler was Chosen mdr.

atts Jonas Rice, T Clerk.

voted that ye following Sums In new Tenor Bills of Creditt be granted & payd vizt

	£	s	d
To Compleat ye County Tax for ye Current year	5	7	8
To John Chandler & ye Rest of ye Comitte for fencing in ye Publick land near ye meetinghouse	10	12	6
To Joshua Biglo for work don on mr maccartys barn	2	0	0
To John Chandler Esqr for Seven Ratle Snak Tails he payd Samll Thomas for	0	3	6
voted that a further Sum of 25*l* be granted to pay John Chandler Junr for mending ye meeting house Glass plank & nails &c 7 7 3 part thereof & the Remainder to John Chandler Esqr to pay for Boards by him bought for fencing in mr maccartys Gardin & front fence & for ye workmen & for Glazing ye Schools &c	25	0	0
held account for ye Same			
	43	3	8

Total forty three pounds three & Eightpence

voted that the foregoing Sum together with the Sums heartofore Granted by ye Town be Leveyd & assessed in ye Same way & maner & payd ye Same time as money Granted the Eighth day of may last and all put into one assessment and if there be any Surplusige in any of Said Sums the Same to Remain in ye Tresury.

voted that Deacon wheelor be desired as Soon as may be to Erect a Suetable Gate at ye Burying place. the aforesaid votes past. *attest* John Chandler, modrator.

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att a General Town meeting held at worcester march 6 : 1749-50 Regulerly assembled John Chandler Esqr was Chosen modr.

Attest Jonas Rice, Town Clerk.

att Said meeting the following officers ware Chosen for ye year Ensuing and ware all Sworn in ye meeting vizt.

John Chandler Esqr. Benjamen Flagg Esqr. major Danil Heywood, mr Thomas wheelor, John Chandler Jur. Esq. Selectmen and assessors.

Jonas Rice Esqr. Town Cler.

John Chandler Esqr. Town Tresurer.

absalom Rice, James Brown, Constables.

Major Danil Heywood, Ezekiell How, Tyrus Rice, John Curtis, James Boyd, Danil Boyden, James Goodwin, Joshua Child Jur. Samuel mower ware Chosen Surveyrs of highways & Collectors of ye highway Tax & Sworn to both offices.

John Chaddick, Sealer of Leather.

David Bancroft, Luke Brown, James Boyd, Ebenezer willington. Fence viewrs.

Major Heywood, Cler of ye markit.

James Boyd & asa moore, Tythingmen.

Eliakem Rice, Ebenezer Flagg, Deer Reves.

David Bancroft, Elikim Rice, George Cuting, Josiah Paine, Enoch Cook, James macefarland, Hog Reves.

m^r John Ball was Chosen Grand Juryman for ye year Ensuing.

Voted that Messurs Israel Jenison, James moore, James Goodwin, Thomas Stearns and Danil Boyden be a Comitte to provide a Suitable School master for ye year Ensuing agreeable to Law.

The Selectmen made Return of Sundry Roads or ways by them laid out in the Town vizt one Road at Bogachoage one Road Leading to & from Robert Grays & one through Capt moors land all which ware Read accepted allowed and approved of by ye Town and ordered to be Recorded.

Voted that major Rice, mesrs John Curtise & James Boyd be a Comitte to Settle accuts with ye Town Tresur & to make Report at ye Debtt & Creditt meeting.

The fifth article in ye warrant Relating to the Pews in which Lately Set Lieut Thomas Stearns & familey & madam Jenison and others being fully dabated the Town Come into the following vote vizt in as much as Leiut Thomas Stearns, william Johnson & Luke Brown in ye meeting manifested their desire of Sitting in ye pews they lately Set in—

Voted that the pew in which Said Stearns & familey lately Set behind the mens Seats be Granted to & for Said Stearns & familey to Sit in they So doing.

also Voted that the Pew in which madam Jenison together with william Johnson and Luke Brown & their famileys latley Sat behind ye wimens Seats be Granted to & for them & their familys to Sit in they So doing and that Thomas Adams agreeable to ye vote & design of ye Town in april last alter ye Doors in Said pews & make them in Such place as the Said persons Shall appoint in ye hind alley if they See Cause to Direct therein otherwise that they be properly altered.

Voted that ye Town will Continue ye Incourigment for Killing of wolves & Rattle Snaks as was Last Granted.

Voted that Deacon wheelor, Leiut Thomas Stearns & m^r^ John Curtise be a Comitte to discourse with ye Rev^d^ m^r^ maccarty on ye Eighth article in ye warrant & also to view ye land proposed heartofore to be Cleared for his Service & to Report at ye next meeting what they may think best to be don both for ye Town as also for m^r^ maccarty that So he may Reap ye advantige & benifit first proposed.

Voted that the Selectmen or ye major part of them Grant leave to Such persons as are desirous of building Stabls near the meeting house to Shelter their horses on Sundays & appoint ye perticuler places for Erecting ye Same.

In answer to ye Seventh article in ye warrant Voted that the Sum of Two hundred & fifty pound in Bills of Creditt of the Last Emission be assessed on ye Polls & Estates in this Town according to ye Ruls Set in ye Last Province Tax & as near ye List of Poles & Estats taken the last year as may be So that Justice be done and that ye Same be assessed in ye month of april next and Lists thereof Comitted to The Collectors now Chosen for that purpose with warrants to Collect the Same That the Said Sum be this year applyed Towards makeing Such Bridges as are necessary and for Repairing decayed ons and for puting all needfull Causeways & Roads into good Repair & keeping them So within ye Town and that the persons So Taxed have Liberty to work out Each one his Tax or assessment if they See Cause at ye following Rats & prices vizt—

for a man Seven Shillings ℔ day and in that proportion for a longer or Shorter time provided they work faithfully & find themselves and if any person or persons to be assessed as aforesd Shall neglect or Refuse to work out his or their Tax having had Six days notice given him agreeable to Law that then he Shall pay his Tax in Bills of Creditt as aforesaid or other Specie Equil thereto to be Collected as other Town Taxes are by the Collectors & ye money So Collected to be applyed to and for ye use aforesaid & for no other Said Collectors to Compleat their Collections and Setle accuts with ye Town Tresurer by the Fifteenth day of Decembor next and that ye Selectmen with a Justice of ye peace Set forth to Each Surveyer his District in which he is to work agreeable to Law.

atts John Chandler, modr.

Worcester, march 5th : 1749-50 The Return of a Road laid out to accomodate Robert Gray, Jacob Hemingwy & others to be allowed of by ye Town at ye annual meeting this day vizt to begin at ye westrely Bounds of andrew maccfarlinds land adjoyning to land that asa moore now owns at ye Corner next Major Heywoods land & from thence to Extend Eastward between Sd Heywoods & maccfarlinds till it Coms to their Easterly Bounds Joyning to Robert Grays land this way to this place to be Two parch wide & to Come Equally out of their land there then to Extend Southward Two parch wide half out of Heywoods & half out of Grays land till it Coms to a white oake Tree by ye northrly Side a Trod way & Thence Extend Eastrly as ye way is Trod Through Sd Grays land Two parch wide till it Coms to land of Leiut Thomas Stearns then Eastward Through his land as ye way is Trod till it Comes near prospect Brook there leving ye Trod Road Southrly & to Cross ye Brook So as to Come into ye way leading from John Chandler Junrs Saw mill at or near ye Root of a great Tree blown down whear ye Road has a Turn Eastward Coming to the meeting house to be Two parch wide also from Sd Hemingys northrly Corner we propose a way of Two parch wide through Said Grays land to bring Sd Himingy into ye first Road all parties Consenting & giving ye land Except Leiut Stearns.

John Chandler
Benj^a^ Flagg
Danil Heywood
Thom wheelor
John Chandler Jur
} *Selectmen of worcester*

att ye annual Town meeting in worcester march 5th : 1749-50 the above Return of ye Roads or ways therein mentioned ware Read accepted allowed & aproved of & voted to be Recorded.

atts John Chandler, modr.

Memorandom of a Road Laid out to accomodate Joseph wiley &c begining East of Capt James moors Cyder mill Runing up hill between the Two Roes of apple trees untill it gits above ye fence & then turning a little Eastrly & So as to Run up the hill turning So as Shall best accomodate ye Road tell it Coms to ye house whear Rubin moore Latley Dwelt & whear was a few years Sence a Road laid out from thence to Said wileys house all which is Submitted by us Said Road to be Two Rods wide.

I ye Subscriber owner of ye land whear ye above Road is Laid out to accomodate my Neighbour wiley hearby freely Consent Said Road Should Run as above mentioned & I freely give ye land as witness my hand James moore.

John Chandler
Thomas wheelor
Danil Heywood
John Chandler Junr
Benj^a^ Flagg
} *Selectmen of worcester*

att ye annual Town meeting in worcester march 5 : 1749-50 the above Return of ye Road or way therein mentioned was Read accepted & approved of and voted to be Recorded.

atts John Chandler, modr.

Worcester march 5 : 1749-50 The Return of a Road laid out to accomodate Danil Boyden & David Bancroft & begining at Sutton Line at ye north East Corner of Charles Richardsons land and Runs northrly about fifteen Rods Through land of Danil Boyden till it Striks ye land of Joshua Bancroft and from thence Runing on ye line between Said Joshua Bancroft and Danil Boyden & in Said Boydens land till it Comes to ye land of David Bancroft and then it Runs Through ye land of David Bancroft on ye line between Said Joshua and David Bancroft to a Ledge of Rocks and from thence Runing as the Ledge Runs till it Coms to David Bancrofts north

line & from thence Runing nigh ye Trod Road to a Chestnut tree near Leiut Rices fence & from thence Runing to a heep of Stons in Leiut Rices land & from thence to ye South East Corner of Danil Boyden & from thence on Danil Boydens Line to John Boydens and from thence on John Boydens Line to ye Country Road the Road to lye on ye Eastrly Side of marks [ ] fence and is to be one Rod & a half wide Exepting a Cross a Spring whear it is to be one Rod wide all parties Consented & giving ye land.

att ye annual Town meeting march 5 : 1749-50 ye above Return of ye Road or way therein mentioned was accepted allowed & approved of & voted to be Recorded *atts* John Chandler, modr.

John Chandler
Benj Flagg
Danil Heywood
Thomas wheelor
John Chandler Jun
} *Selectmen of worcester*

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at a General Town meeting held at worcester may 4 : 1750 at Sd meeting John Chandler Esqr was Chosen modrator.

atts Jonas Rice T Cler.

Voted that ye following Sums in Lawfull money be granted to ye following Persons and for ye following purposes, vizt

To Cpt Danil ward for taking Care of ye meeting house	1	0	0
To John Chandler Esqr for mending Glass nails & hinges &c	1	9	4
To John Fisk for 233 feet of plank	0	9	4
To mr James Brown for Ringing ye Bell	1	1	4
To Cpt moore 17 Rattle Snaks	0	4	6 1-2
To Danil Hubberd 2 Ditto	0	0	6 1-2
To Robert Barber for 200 of plank	0	8	0
To willm Johnson for hinges for ye Stocks &c	0	8	0
To John Chandler Esqr for work 7s 6 & 20s to Compleat fencing School land	1	7	6
To Samuel Eaton for a day work	0	3	6 1-2
Jonathen Lynd for 125 Rails for School land	0	13	4
To Ensign Flagg administrator on Jotham Stearns his Estate his Taxes abated	1	5	8 1-2
For ye Suport of the School	40	10	8
For ye Quarters Called Parkers & Smiths Quarters for Schooling to be payd as ye Selectmen Shall Direct in proportion to what their pay will draw Six pound if an overplus to Lye for further order			

To ye Town Tresurer to Discharge Joshua Biglos & Sons Taxes more then ye Town & him for work for ye last year	2	8	21-2
and ye Sum of 40s to be applyed by ye Selectmen for Building a Bridg over ye Brook whear Jacob Holmses dam latly Stood	2	0	0
also Ten pound to be applyd by ye Selectmen for Claboarding ye South Side of ye meeting house & for other Contingent Charges	10	0	0
To John Chandler Esqr Town Tresr ye Ballence of his accut	3	3	111-2
To Gardner Chandler	0	11	4
It was also voted that ye Sallary of ye Revd mr maccarty this year be Eighty pound Lawfull money			
all	152	18	11

voted that ye aforegoing Sums amounting to the Sum of one hundred fifty Two pound Eighteen Shillings & Eleven pence be assessed & levied agreeable to law & payd in to ye Town Tresurer one half by ye 25th of Decembr next & ye other half by ye first of march next and by ye Tresurer payd to whome it is due.

voted that Revd mr maccarty have Liberty to Improve a Small peace of publick land East of mr Bucknams & north of Capt wards latly Improvd by Sd ward till ye further order of ye Town.

The Comittee appointed to Settle accuts with John Chandler Esqr Town Tresurer made Report that he has payd three pound three Shillings & Eleven pence new Tenor more then y^e^ Taxes of y^e^ last year and there is also outstanding of these Taxes in Constable Jenisons hands Twenty one pound Seven Shillings & Ten pence halfpeny and in Constable Heringtons hands fifty one pound fourteen Shillings & Ten pence Three farthings So that he is in advance £ 76 6 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ but as outstanding Taxes are dayly Receiving in Sd Comitte Report the Ballence in his favour but three pound three Shillings and Eleven pence three farthings which was accepted of by y^e^ Town.

Voted that y^e^ Selectmen new Clapbord y^e^ South Side of y^e^ meeting house at y^e^ Charge of y^e^ Town by directing proper workmen to accomplish the Same.

Voted that ye late Seators give Tickitts to Such People who have not taken their Seats properly according to ye last Seating directing

them to Sit whear they ought to prevent Disorder and fill up properly any Pews latley built according to ye Design of ye Town in making the Grants.*

Voted that John Chandler Junr Esqr take Care that the ministeriall medow & School land adjoyning be Cleared after ye best maner & as Soon as may be & lay ye Charge thereof before ye Town for payment.

the aforegoing vots pased at Sd meeting

atts John Chandler, modr.

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at a General Town meeting held at worcester octobr 2 : 1750 John Chandler Esqr was Chosen modr.

ats Jonas Rice, T Cler.

voted that the following Sums be Granted in Lawfull money vizt

the Sum of Six pound Twelve Shillings to pay the County Tax for ye present year	6	12	0
for mending ye Seets in ye meeting house	0	10	0
To John Chandler Esqr for painting mr maccartys house & fence	6	0	0
To pay for or towards Clearing ye ministerial medow and School Land adjoyning & Stubing & Sowing the Same with fowl medow grass Seed	6		

and John Chandler Junr Esqr is desired to See ye Same Efected & to transmitt his accounts to ye Town.

Voted that the aforesd Sums being nineteen pound Two Shillings be assessed with the Sums granted the 4th of may Last in one Tax or assessment the whole to be payd at the tims mentioned in ye Grant aforesd.

voted that ye Selectmen be desired at the Charge of the Town to take all needful Care according to their best Judgment of ye widow of Jotham Stearns.

at ye Sd meeting ye aforegoing vots past

atts John Chandler, modr.

**Extract from the Warrant:*—"For ye Town to Come into Some method that People may Sit in ye Seats assigned to prevent Disorders & that they dont put themselves too forward."

att a General Town meeting held at worcestor march 4 : 1750-1 for ye Choice of Town officers for the year Ensuing at Sd meeting John Chandler Esqr was Chosen modr.

atts Jonas Rice, T Clerk.

att Said meeting ye following persons were Duly Chosen Town officers & Sworn vizt

John Chandler Esqr. Benj^a^ Flagg Esqr. major Danil Heywood, m^r^ Thomas wheelor, John Chandler Jur Esqr. Selectmen & ware Sworn assessors.

Jonas Rice Esqr. Town Clerk.

John Chandler Esqr. Town Tresurer.

Noah Jones & Sam^ll^ Eaton, Constables.

John Chaddick, Sealor of Leather.

major Heywood, Clerk of ye markett & also viewer of boards Shingls & Claboards & Sworn to both.

Major Heywood, Josiah Peeres [?] Nath^ll^ moore Jur. Eben^r^ Willington, James Boyd, Danil Boyden, Frances Herington, Isaac Gleson, Sam^ll^ mower and Joseph Clerk ware Chosen Surveyors of Highways & Collecters of Highway Taxes.

David Bancroft & Benj^a^ Flagg Jun. fence viewrs.

John Chaddick & Robert Barber, Tythingmen.

John Boyden & Jonas ward, Deer Reves.

Cyrus Rice & Phineas ward, James Hambleton, Benj^a^ Crosby, asa moore & Danil wheelor, hog Reves.

all ye above officers were Sworn in the meeting by John Chandler Esqr. & Jonas Rice Esqr.

mr James Goodwin Chosen Grand Juryman.

Voted that Cp Israel Jenison, James Goodwin, Thomas Stearns, James moore & Danil Boyden be a Comitte to provide a Suitable Schoolmaster for ye year Ensuing according to Law and ye Schoole be kept as it was the last year in ye five parts or Quarters of ye Town.

The Selectmen made Return of a highway Layd out at ye Desire of Ebenezer Flagg in Lue of one formerly Layd out which was accepted & approved of by the Town.

Voted that Jonas Rice Esqr. Cp^t^ Flagg & major Heywood be a Comitte to Setle accuts with ye Town Tresr & Report at ye next Town meeting.

Voted that ye Bounty or Incourigment for Killing of woolves and Rattlesnaks be Continued for one year & to be as heartofore.

In answer to ye Sixth article in ye warrant voted that the Sum of one hundred & fifty pound Lawfull money be assessed on ye Poles & Estates in this Town according to ye Ruls Set in ye Last Province Tax act & as near ye List of Poles & Estates taken ye last year as may be So that Justice be don that ye assessment be made in or before ye month of april next & Lists Comitted to the Collectors Chosen for that purpose with warrants to Colect ye Same that Said Sum be this year applyd towards making Such Bridges as are necessary & for Repairing of Decayd ones & for puting all needful Causways & Roads into good Repair & keeping them So within this Town and that ye persons So Taxed have Liberty to work out Each one his Respective assessment if they See Cause at ye following prices namly for a man four Shillings a yoak of oxen Two Shillings a Cart one Shilling ℔ day and in that proportion for a Longer or Shorter time provided they work faithfully and find themselves and if any person or persons assessed as aforesd Shall neglect or Refuse to work out his or their assessment having had Six days notice given him or them agreeable to Law that Shall pay his or their Tax in Lawfull money to be Collected as other Town Taxes are by the Collectors & ye money So Collected to be applyed too & for the purposes aforesaid & for no other that the Collectors Compleat their Collections & Setle accounts with the Town Tresurer or his Successor by ye 25 day of December next that ye Selectmen with a Justice of peace Set forth to Each Surveyr his District or Limits in which he is to work agreeable to Law and alter ye Same as need Shall Require.

It was also voted that Such persons as have not payd their highway Tax for ye Last year have Liberty to pay the Same in work this year provided they doe ye Same by ye first day of June next.

Voted that ye Selectmen be a Comitte to Consider of ye Petition of Cp^t^ Thomas Stearns prefered to ye Court of General Sessions of y^e^ [Peace] in Febry last Relating to a highway layd out through his land as mentioned in ye Petition & Report their opinion to ye adjournment of this meeting what may be proper for ye Town to doe therein.

Voted that Msrs John Ball, John Curtise & James Boyd be a Comitte in behalf of ye Town to Joyn with a Comitte of the Propriators of ye Comon & undivided land of this Town to Sell for a Reasonable price to John Chandler Jur Esqr the Land lying South of his house Lott as mentioned in his Petition If it appear to them the Town have a Real or Seeming Right to ye Same and that ye money arising by Such Sale if any be, be payd into ye Town Tresury to ly for ye further order of ye Town.

Voted that Major Rice, Cp^t^ ward & Deacon Wheelor be a Comitte to take into Consideration ye Petition of Edward Knight & others Relating to ye fixing a School house place in ye Room of that heartofore fixed in ye Quarter the Petitioners Live in & Report their opinion what is best to be don to the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted that ye accutt of Cyrus Rice for keeping ye wife of John Ricky & Children & for Careying wood to her & ye wife of James Biglo being Sixteen Shillings be payd out of ye Town Tresury

and then ye meeting was adjourned by vote to this place to mondy the 13 of may next at Two a Clock afternoon.

The aforegoing votes all past

atts John Chandler, modrator.

We the Selectmen at ye desire of Ebenezer Flagg of Worcester have viewed a Road which has for Some time been going Through ye Land of Ebenezer Flagg in which he desirs may be Confirmed in Stead of one going through his Land laid out formerly and we are of opinion it will greatly Serve ye publick to have ye Road to be & Remain as follows to begin fifteen Rod Eastward or north Eastward of ye Clay pitts to Extend Southrly or Southwestrly till it meets with his westrly bound of ye land he Bought of Jonas ward & is also the Eastern bounds of Land of James Whitney which he Bought of Samuell Jenison the fence as it now Stands on ye westrly Side to be ye bounds of ye Road & to be Two pearch wide and whare this way Coms to Said Whitneys Land there to bare more Southerly taking ye advantige of ye hill for ye Benifitt of ye way & to Extend till it meets Brigadier Waldos Land and to ye Road formerly Layd out and that this Road be in Luie of ye Road formerly

Layd Through his Land more westrly which we are of opinion Should be Discontinued.

Worcester Febry 20 : 1750

John Chandler
Benj[a] Flagg } *Selectmen*
Danil Heywood } *of*
Thom wheelor } *worcester*
John Chandler Jur

Worcester march 4 : 1750-1
this Road & altration was accepted at the annual meeting.
ats John Chandler, modr.

Worcester april 17 : 1751

To y[e] Selectmen of Leicestor

Gentl[m] we Desire youe by your Selves or Such Persons as you Shall appoint [to] meet us or Such Persons as we Shall appoint at y[e] Southwest Corner of worcester & Corner of Leicestor to Preambulate the line of y[e] Towns on monday y[e] 29 day of april Instent at nine of y[e] Clock in y[e] forenoon.

Benj[a] Flagg } *Selectmen*
Danil Heywood } *of*
John Chandler Jur } *worcester*

at a meeting of y[e] Selectmen of Leicestor Subscribers april 23 : 1751 did then appoint Cp[t] Danil Denney, mr Stewart Southgate and Thomas Denney to meet the Selectmen of Worcester or Such as they Shall appoint at y[e] Southwest Corner of Worcester and y[e] Southeast Corner of Leicester to Preambulate and Renew y[e] Bounds between y[e] Towns agreeable to a notification under y[e] hands of the Selectmen of worcester bearing Date april 17 : 1751.

John whittmore } *Selectmen*
Benj[a] Tucker } *of*
Danil Denney } *Leicester*

We y[e] Subscribers Selectmen of y[e] Town of worcestor and persons appointed by y[e] Selectmen of y[e] Town of Leicestor persuant at a notification from the Selectmen of worcester aforesaid have this day mett at y[e] Southwest Corner of worcester & y[e] Southeast Corner of Leicester being a heep of Stones at y[e] Root of a Hemlock tree blown down In a Swamp and then & there by mutule agreement Renewed y[e] Said Corner and from thence Perambulated & Renewed a Line Called Wards Line being y[e] Line or Boundry

between Said Towns So far northward as worcester Line Extends where we Renewed a heep of Stones about an oak Stump at ye northwest Corner of Isaac moores Land.

Worcester april 29 : 1751

Danil Heywood, Thomas wheelor, John Chandler Junr } *Selectmen of worcester*

Danil Denney, Stewart Southgate, Thomas Denney } *persons appointed by ye Selectmen of Leicester*

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at a General Town meeting held at worcester may 13 : 1751 at Said meeting John Chandler Esqr was Chosen modr.

Ats Jonas Rice, T Clerk.

voted that ye following Sums in lawfull money be Granted to & for the following purposes vizt

To Leiut Tyrus Rice for plank &c	0	12	0
To Cpt James moore for horse hire for ye Schoolmaster	0	5	4
To Jacob Hemingway for 55 feet of plank	0	2	2
To Thomas Rice for 17 Rattle Snaks	0	5	4
To John Chandler Esqr for 15 Tails 4s and for Joseph Dyers Pole Tax 9s 9	0	13	9
To Samll Thomas for 10 Tails	0	2	8
To Joseph Clerk for 410 feet for Bredges by Trobridges 5s	41	1	8
To nathll moore Jur for 250 feet of plank	0	13	4
To Cpt Jenisons for Joseph Clerk Junr & John Rickeys Rates for 1749	2	1	1
to Cpt ward for Sweeping & taking Care of the meeting house a year	1		0
To Palmer Golding for Ringing ye Bell one year of which he is to pay mr Brown part	1	1	4
To Frances Herington fr Francis Verys Finias Rices & Hilkiah Grouts Rates 1749	3	01	10
To John Smith for his Son watching with ye widow Stearns	1	0	4
To asa moore for mending Stocks & pound & new hinges for ye burying place	0	10	0
for ye Suport of ye School ye Same as was ye last year	46	10	8
To ye Revd mr maccarty for his Salarey for ye yer Ensuing as ye last year	80	0	0
	138	1	6

Voted that the above Sum of one hundred Thirty Eight pound one Shilling & Sixpence be assessed agreeable to Law on ye Poles & Ratable Estates in ye Town & that ye Same be Colected & payd to John Chandler Esqr Town Tresurer or his Sucessors one half by ye 25 of Decembor next & ye Remainder by ye first of next march.

The Comitte appointed to Setle accuts with John Chandler Esqr Town Tresur made Report that [they have] attended that Service & fiend his accuts Right Cast & well voucht by wich it appears he has payd ye Sum of one hundred fifty five pound three Shillings & Sixpence Lawfull money & he is in advance the Sum of Twenty pound Eight Shillings & fourpence three farthings Lawfull money and that there is outstanding in the Constables hands Thirty Seven pound five Shillings & ninepence three farthings

Voted that this Report be accepted & the Said John Chandler Esqr be and hearby is discharged of ye Sum of one hundred fifty five pound three Shillings & Sixpence the payments by him made and that he be accountable for ye money outstanding when Recied in after he is Reimbursed what he is in advance.

Mr John Ball & others a Comitte appointed in march Last to Joyn with a Comitte of ye Propriators of ye Comon & undevided land in this Town in Selling a Small peace of Land to John Chandler Jur Esqr near his house made Report that ye Said Comitte had Sold ye Said land for four pound & that the half thereof being forty Shillings Lawfull money they had taken his note for and delivered ye Same to John Chandler Esqr Town Tresurer agreeable to ye vote of march Last which Report was accepted of by ye Town.

The Comitte appointed in march Last on ye Petition of Edward Knight & others for fixing a place to Erect a School house on in ye Quarter ye Petitioners live in made a verbal Report that they had not performed that Service Some Difficultys attending ye Same

It was voted that Said [committee] be desired all of them to attend that affair & Report thereon as Soon as may be.

Voted that ye Selectmen Carefully view the Road formerly laid out Leading from ye meeting house to obadiah wards Samuel Rices &c and ye Roads more latley laid out & accepted by ye Town lead

ing from Robert Grays & Jacob Hemingways Through Capt S[t]earnses land & Report what they think proper for ye Town to do Therin Especially Sence Said Stearns has Petitioned ye Court of Sessions for Redress as ye Road goes through his land & they are desired to notifie all parties to be present.

Voted that messurs John Curtise, Danil Hubbard & James Boyd be a Comitte Effectually to Clear & fence fifteen acres of ye ministeriall land adjoyning to Judg Jenisons heirs land and also to fence of ye pastering from ye mowing land near ye meeting house in ye Tennor of ye Reverend mr maccarty & Lay their account before ye Town for payment.

Voted that Palmer Golding Junr have Liberty to Build a Shop on ye publick land on ye north Side the Road near his house in Such place as Messurs Danil Hubbard, John Curtice & James Boyd Shall Direct there to Stand only during the plesure of ye Town.

Voted that major Heywood, Cp^t^ Chandler & Danil Hubberd be a Comitte at ye Charge of ye Town to Run ye Lines & Renew ye marks Round ye publick land near william mahans & to Eject any person or persons that may be in possession of any part of Sd land ministerial or School land.

Voted that ye Selectmen Setle ye account of John Chandler Junr & to Setle ye affair of ye note of forty Shillings he gave for ye land near his house & Report at ye next meeting how ye Ballence may be.

The aforegoing votes ware passed at ye Said meeting.

Atts John Chandler modr.

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at a General Town meeting held at worcester Scptr 23 : 1751
at Said meeting John Chandler Esqr was Chosen modr.

atts Jonas Rice, T Clerk.

Voted that the following Sums be granted & for ye following purposes

	£	s	d
To John Chandler Fsqr for Ritle Snaks Tails	0	6	0
To Robert Gray for 171 feet of plank for Bridges	0	10	6
To Josiah Peirce for 50 feet of plank	0	3	8

To Joshua Child for Service done for mr maccarty and fencing land	0	8	0
To Nathanil moore Jur 150 feet of plank for Totmens Bridg	0	9	0
To John Chandler Jur to balance his account alowed by Selectmen	1	11	6 1-2
To Dito to pay mr wiswell for mending Glase for ye meeting house	0	16	0
To John Chandler Esqr to Enable him to pay ye County Tax	4	11	0
	£8	15	8 1-2

voted that ye above Sum of Eight pound fifteen Shillings & Eight pence half peny be assessed with ye money granted ye 13 of may last making whole one hundred & forty Six pound Eighteen Shillings & Tenpence half peny & payd into ye Town Tresurer one half by ye 25 of Decembr ye other half by ye first of march next to be disposed of for ye purposes for which ye Same are voted.

after Considerable debate on ye Second & third articles in ye warrant for Repairing the old School house & Building [a] new one ye Question was put whether ye Town would grant a Som for Said Services or Either of them & it pased in ye negative.

Voted that John Chandler, Jonas Rice Esqrs, major Danil Heywood, Deacon wheelor, Joseph Clark, John Chandler Jur. Joshua Biglo, Leiut Tyrus Rice, Leiut Gershom Rice. John Curtis, James Goodwin, Cp^t^ ward. Nathanil adams & Noah Jones & James How be a Comitte to take ye fourth article in ye warrent Relating to y^t^ Reparing or adding to ye meeting house or Building a new one into Consideration & Report their opinion upon ye whole to ye next annual Town meeting [what] they may apprehend best for ye Town to do thereon.

The foregoing vots past *Att* John Chandler, modr.

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at a General Town meeting held at ye meeting house in worcester march 2 : 1752 for ye Choice of Town officers for ye year Ensuing at Sd meeting John Chandler Esqr was Chosen modr.

atts Jonas Rice, T Cler.

at Sd meeting the following officers were Chosen vizt

Coll Chandler, major Heywood, John Chandler Jur. Cp^{t} Danil ward & m^{r} Elisha Smith, Selectmen & assessors.

Jonas Rice, Town Cler.

John Chandler Jur. Town Tresurer.

Samuel andrews & Danil Hubberd who Served for Joseph Temple, Constables.

John Chadick, Sealor of Leathor.

Major Heywood, Clerk of ye markitt & viewer of Boards & Shingles & Clabords.

Major Heywood, Major Rice, Josiah Peirce, Ebener willington, Simon Gates, Danil Boyden, Benj^{a} Flagg, Joseph Temple, william young, Joseph Clerk, Stephen Sawin & John Godderd, Surveyrs of highways & Collectors of ye highway Tax.

David Bancroft & Benj^{a} Flagg, Fence Viewrs.

Nath^{ll} adams & Elisha Smith, Tythingmen.

Josiah Holdin & Thomas Cowden, Deer Revees.

John Bond Jur. Benjamin Crosby, Comfort Rice, Samuel miller, Jhon mower, abell Heywood, Joseph willerd and obidiah ward. hogreeves.

Deacon wheelor was Chose Grand Juryman.

Voted that ye Inhabitents in ye Center of ye Town Extending one mile & half from and Round ye School house there have allowed them their full proportion of ye money that may be Granted ye present year for ye Suport of Schooling provided they do Bona fide keep a Gramer Schoole ye whole year and that John Chandler Jur. Nath^{ll} Green & Luk Brown be a Comitte to See ye Same Effected and that if their proportion of Sd money will procure a School master more than Twelve weeks ye usual time they have of Late had Schooling there any person may have Liberty to Send their Childrin for So long a time after Sd Twelve weeks as Sd proportion of theirs will have

and if any person Sees Cause they may have Liberty of Joyning with ye Inhabitents of ye Center or Town Schoole they Contributing a Just proportion to ye Suport thereof over & above what ye Towns money Shall bare having Regard to ye Distance & the number of Children they may Send

and that ye Residue of ye money that ye Town Shall grant be Expended in keeping School in ye Different parts of ye Town as

usual in proportion to what thay pay & at Such Seasons of ye year as may best Suit and John Boyden, Nathanil adams, James How, Robert Barber, Cp^t^ James moore & noah Jones be a Comitte to See that Sich Schools are actually & Duely kept & in ye usuall places before ye money be payd allways provided that if ye Inhabitents in that part of the Town Called Flaggs Quarter Do not agree on Sume Suitable place for a School being kept there then Said Comitte are to Determine that matter.

The Selectmen made a Report Concerning Some Roads being laid out to accomadate Danil Biglo & James Furbuse wich ware Reffered to ye adjournment of this meeting for further Consideration

Voted that ye ways layd out through land of Robert Gray & Cp^t^ Stearns & accepted by ye Town at their annual meeting march 5 : 1749-50 be discontinued & for ye future Deemed no way.

Voted that mr Jonas Biglo, Cp^t^ Jenison & mr John Curtice be a Comitte to Setle accuts with ye Town Tresurer & Report ye Same to ye next Town meeting.

Voted that forty Shillings money be allowed & payd to Such of ye Inhabitents of ye Town for every woolf by them killed in ye Bounds of ye Town and that may be Discovered in & be followed out of ye Town and killed and Sixpence for Each Ratle Snake killed at their Dens or near ye Same & ye tails produced to ye Selectmen & burnt.

Voted that one hundred & fifty pound Lawfull money be assessed & Leveyed on ye Poles & Estates in ye Same way & maner as it was the Last year to be Expended in Building Bridges Cassways & mending and Repairing Decayd ons and puting ye Roads & ways into Repair & that ye Same wages be allowed and Rules followed in all Regards as was voted at ye annual meeting in march Last.

a List of Jurymen prepared by ye Selectmen was Read & accepted & voted by ye Town part for ye Infeirour Court & part for the Superiour Court to be put into ye Box to be drawn.

The Comitte appointed to Consider what might be proper for ye Town to do Relating to ye meeting house whither to Build a new one add to or Repair ye present house was Read & was accepted and ye Town voted that ye Selectmen do Effectually Repair

ye present house by Shingleing & Claboarding So much as they may Judg needfull that they alter ye window behind the pullpitt So as to accomodate ye Rev^d^ maccarty and Erect a Small Porch before ye fore or South dore of ye meeting house & make proper Doores in ye Same as they may Judg proper.

all ye officers this day Chosen were Sworn in ye meeting to ye faithfull discharge of their Respective offices & at ye Same time took ye oaths Relating to ye Bills of Creditt &ct.

all ye aforegoing vots past at Sd meeting

attst John Chandler, modr.

and then ye meeting was adjourned to ye Eighth day of may next at one a Clock after nöone. John Chandler, modr.

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at a Town meeting held at worcester at ye meeting house may 8 : 1752 by adjournment from ye 2^d^ day of march Last at one of ye Clock after noon & then mett

Voted that Return of a Road laid out to accomodate James Forbus & Son and of another Road laid out to accomodate Danil Biglo be accepted & Deamed privite Roads or ways & be Recorded as Such. *atts* John Chandler, modr.

Memorandum of a Road to accomodate m^r^ James Forbus & Son to Come to ye publick worship & to mill Begining at ye Corner of ye fence of Said Forbus & Runing to a white oake marked and from thence to a black oake markt & from thence to a gray oak markt & from thence to a black oak markt & from [thence] to a Chustut tree markt & from thence to a Pitch Pine Stoddle [?] markt near ye Trod Road Leading to Sutton Said Road Runing partly through Land of adam Knox & partly through ye Land of John Totman Said Road to be Two Rods wide & to lye on ye Northerly Side of ye marks which we apprehend will Doe Least Damige to ye owners of ye Land and best Suit ye above Persons.

We have also Laid out a Road to accomodate m^r^ Danil Biglo to Come to publick worship & to mill & Begins at a Large Gray oak in ye Line between the Land of Said Biglo & mr John Tatman

which is markt & from thence Runing down to ye Road Leading to Sutton to a heep of Stones by ye Side of ye Stone wall ye Road to lye on ye Northrly Side of ye marks & to be Two Rods wide which we apprehend will doe Least Damige & Best accomodate Sd Biglo all which we Lay before ye Town for their acceptence.

John Chandler
Danil Heywood
Danil Ward
John Chandler
} *Selectmen of worcester*

Sutton april 22 : 1752.

We ye Subscribers being appointed by ye Selectmen of Sutton have this day mett with worcester at ye Northwestrly Corner of ye Town of Sutton and Perambulated Begining at a heep of Stons Called ye Sd northwest Corner of our Said Town by Sundry anciant Bounds which we then found & acknowledgd to be our Bounds to a heep of Stons made upon a Large fast Rock being 32 Rods north of ye northwestrly Corner of Grafton.

abitt Chase
Charles Richardson
Benjamin Marsh

Worcester april 22 : 1752.

We ye Subscribers being appointed by ye Selectmen of Worcester to Perambulate ye Bounds between worcester oxford & Sutton have this day attended that Service & have mett with ye Gentlmen of oxford & Renewed our antciant Corner we also mett with ye Gentlm of Sutton at a heep of Stons Chimed by them to be their Northwestrly Corner & Renewd ye Same and from thence we Runing East 22 ^d^ & 30 ^m^ north to a white oake tree markt thence to a black oake markt thence to another black oak tree markt thence to a Popler & a black oak Standing togather thence to a heep of Stons thence by Sundry marks to a black oak plant Standing on ye Eastrly Side of m^r^ Richardsons River and from thence by old marks to a heep of Stons being the northwestrly Corner of m^r^ Richardsons land thence by old marks till we Came to a heep of Stons being ye Southwestrly Corner of m^r^ Curtices farm thence by old marks to a pitch pine tree thence by or near mr Jeremiah Buck-

mans fence till it Come to ye Road Leading from worcester to Sutton from thence to a Large white oak tree Standing near ye house of Jonas woodard and from thence to a heep of Stons Suposed to be ye Southwestrly Corner of Rogerors farm So Called now in possession of ye Revd mr appleton.

Jonas Rice
Danil Boyden
David Bancroft

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at a Town meeting held at ye meeting house in worcester may Eighth 1752 at Said meeting John ChandlerEsq^r^ was Chosen modr.

atts Jonas Rice, T Cler.

Voted that the following Sums be Granted for ye following purposes

To Robert Gray for 318 feet of plank for Bridges	0	16	0
To Joseph wyle for three Tails	0	1	6
To Jacob Smith for 18 Tails	0	9	0
To Jonas wooderd for Seven Tails	0	3	6
To Palmer Golding Jur. for Ringing ye Bell Taking Care of meeting house & mending fence &c	2	4	8
To Cpt ward & Palmer Golding for Carying James Biglos wife away	1	0	0
To noah Jones for Isaac wetherbys Rates	0	12	10
Towards moses Peters Pole	0	8	0
Towards Joshua Bancrofts Rates	0	11	2
Robert Parkers Rates	0	11	2
Towards Ensign Parkers Rates	0	6	9
	2	9	11
To absolom Rice for Samll Randalls Rates	0	6	7
To Samuel Eaton for James whitneys Rates	0	2	11 1-2
and towards Samll andrsons Rates	0	4	0
For ye Suport of ye Schoole	46	10	0
To ye Revd mr maccarty for his Sallrey ye year Ensuing	80	0	0
	134	8	11 1-2

Voted that the above Sum of one hundred thirty four pound Eight Shillings & one peny half peny be assessed on ye Poles & Estates in ye Town agreeable to Law & Collected & payd to John Chandler Jur Esqr Town Tresurer one half by the Twenty fifth day of Decembr next and ye first of march to be by him payd for ye above purposes.

The Comitte appointed to Setle accuts with ye late Town Tresurer made Report which was accepted whearby it appears that there is a ballence due to ye Town from him Seven pound Seven Shillings & ninepence three farthings & that there is out Standing in Constable Eatons hands Twenty pound & in Constable Jones hands Seventeen pound fifteen Shillings & four pence Therefore voted upon ye accountents paying unto ye present Town Tresurer Said Sum of Seven pound Seven Shillings & nine pence three farthings ye ballence in hands be fully Discharged and that ye present Town Tresurer Recive what is outstanding in ye hands of Sd Eaton & Jones & pay out ye Same agreeable to former votes or Such other votes as may be past or agreeable to Such orders as he may Receive from ye Selectmen.

Voted that mess John Ball, John Curtice & James Boyd be a Comitte to joyn with ye Survivers of a Comitte appointed by ye Propriators of ye Comon & undivided Land in worcester to make Sale of their Land in worcester To make Sale of a peice of Land at ye East Eand of m^r^ James Putnams Land & adjoyning to Dr willard To Sd Putnam & willerd at a Reasonable price & to Execute Deed Therefor one half of ye money arising by Such Sale To be payd into ye Town Tresury for ye use of ye Town and the other half to be for ye use of Said Propriators.

The aforegoing votes pased at Sd meeting

atts John Chandler, modr.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of worcester and Holdin together with mr william young appointed by ye Selectmen of worcester agreeable to ye Selectmen of worcesters notification of ye Sixteenth of march Last met at ye Northwest Corner of worcester and Peramlated the bounds between the Towns of worcester and Holden and Renewed the marks agreeable to the Province Law.

april 22 : 1752.

Danil Heywood, Elisha Smith, John Chandler Jur, Willm Young } *Selectmen of worcester & persons appointed by them*

Samuel Pearce, Richard Flagg, Jonathan Lovell } *Selectmen of Holdin*

at a meeting of the Inhabitents of worcester october 10 : 1752 Regulerly assembled at Sd meeting Danil Heywood Esqr was Chosen modr *attest* Jonas Rice, T Cler.

voted that ye following Sums be Granted for the following purposes

	£		
To John Chandler Jur his act of Sundries for ye meeting house	6	8	1
To ye Selectmen to pay [for] Glazing ye Pulpits window & mending ye meeting house Glass	1	10	0
To money to pay ye County Tax and that the Same be payd by ye Town Tresurer to ye County Tresurer	5	9	2
To Gardiner Chandler for 800 Clabboards	2	8	0
To Gardiner Chandler for Led Pullys &c	0	6	
To Noah Jones for work at ye meeting house	8	11	4
To Leuit Tyrus Rice for 4 days work mending the meeting house &c	0	10	8
To ye Selectmen to pay for mr Roberts funrall &c	0	16	0
To asa moore for 3 pair of hinges	0	7	21-2
To James Trobridg for 200 pitch pine bords 4 9 1-2 & for 190 white pine Do 9 : 4	0	14	11-2
To major Heywood for Boarding & boards	0	12	0
To Ezekel How for 36 feet of plank for a Bridg		1	9
To Major Heywood & John Chaddick for Drawing & under pining ye Poarch	1	1	4

Voted that ye afore written Sum of Thirty Pound fifteen Shillings and Eight pence together with one hundred Thirty four pound Eight Shillings & one peney half peeny voted to be Raised the Eighth of may Last be assessed in one Tax on ye Polles & Estats in ye Town agreeable to Law and Collected & payd to John Chandler Junr Esqr Town Tresurer one half by ye 25 day of Decembr next & the Residue by ye first day of march next & to be by him payd for ye purpose for which Said Sums ware Granted.

the aforegoing vots Passed at Sd meeting.

attest Danil Heywood, modrator.

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at a General Town meeting held at worcester march 5th : 1753 for ye Choice of Town officers &ct John Chandler Esqr was Chosen modrator *attest* Jonas Rice, T Clerk.

att Said meeting ye following officers ware Chosen vizt.

John Chandler Esqr. John Chandler Jur Esqr. M Danil Heywood Cp^t Danil ward & D Thomas wheelor, Selectmen.

Jonas Rice, Town Clerk.

John Chandler Junr. Town Tresurer.

Thomas Richardson & Elisha Smith Jur, Constables.

John Chaddick, Sealer of Lether.

Maj Danil Heywood, C of ye markitt & Surveyr of boards Clabords & Shingls.

Jonas Rice Esqr. John Cirtice & Thomas wheelor, Surveyers of highways & Collectors of ye highway Tax to be granted.

John Gates & Samuel Cirtice, Fence Viewrs.

Josiah Pearce & Jonas ward, Tythingmen.

John Gates & Thomas wheelor, Deer Reves.

abel Heywood Sworn. Jonas Rice 3 Sworn.

all ye above officers were Sworn in ye meeting to their Respective offices and Each one took the oath prescribed in ye act 22^d George ye Second.

Nathanil Tatman, Benjamin Crosby, willm m^cfarlind, Solomon Johnson, abel Heywood, willm Cowden & Jonas Rice ye 3, hog reives.

Benj Crosby & willm Cowden ware Sworn as abovesd in ye meeting.

voted that ye Schools be Supported in ye Same way & manner as they ware ye Last year & John Chandler Junr. Nathanil Green. Luke Brown are appointed for providing a master for ye Center School and Deacon Wheelor, John Boyden, Nathanil adams, John Curtice, Elisha Smith Jur. & Noah Jones are appointed a Comitte for ye Several parts of ye Town they Live in for providing Suitable masters or Teachers and ye Selectmen are Impowred to fix the bounds of Smiths Quarter & Flaggs Quarter So Called and if need be the places that ye School is to be Kept in.

John Chandler Jur Informed ye Town that he had given Land for a [road] Thro his Land for Robert Gray to pass to & from his Farm or place he now Dwells on which ye Town accept & Ratifie as a privite way for ye use of Sd Gray.

voted that major Rice, Cp^t Jenison & mr James Boyd be a Com itte to Settle accuts with ye Town Tresurer & Report at ye next meeting.

Voted that ye Incourigment for Killing of woulves & Rattlesnaks as was allowed & voted ye Last year be allowed & granted for ye present year.

Voted that the Sum of one hundred & fifty pounds Lawfull money be assessed & Leveyd on ye Poles & Estates in ye Town in ye Same way & maner as was voted at ye annual meeting held hear ye 4th of march 1750-1 to be Expended in Building bridges & Causways & mending & Repairing decayd ones & puting ye Roads & ways into good Repair ye present year and that ye Same wages be allowed & Rulls followed in all Regards as was voted at Said meeting & ye Selectmen are desered & Derected in giving orders to ye Surveyers to allow Persons to work So as may best accomodate them having a General Regard to ye Publick benifitt.

In answer to ye Seventh article in ye warrant voted that John Chandler Junr, Joshua Biglo & James Goodwin be a Comitte to Lease out Palmer Golding Junr his Executors or administrs or assins So much of ye Publick Lands northward of ye Road going by his Dwelling house as may be needfull for the Erecting a mallt house on with needfull Yard Room & place for a well to be by him Said Golding his Executr administrator or assins held & Injoyd So Long as he or they Shall Keep a good malt house thereon & to & for no other use or uses whatso ever provided he Erect Said malt house & have ye Same fitt for use by Tenth of next november and that ye Sd Comitte bear ye name of ye Comitte for ye Leesing out Some of ye Publick Land to build a malt house on and bear Succession & to be filled up or added to by ye Town as may be needfull & that Sd Comitte obtain ye Consent of the Revd m^r^ maccarty our present minister and ye Comitte are desired to be Carefull in drawing a Leese agreeable to this vote.

Mr Joshua Biglo was Chosen Grand Juryman for ye year Ensuing.

all ye aforegoing votes past at Sd meeting.

attest John Chandler, modr.

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att a General Town meeting held at worcester may 21 : 1753
at Said meeting John Chandler Esqr was Chosen modrator.

attest Jonas Rice, T Clerk.

at Said meeting voted that ye following Sums in Lawfull money be granted too & for ye following purposes vizt

	£	s	d
To Dr Nahum willard for medciones for John Roberts & familey	2	13	6
To noah Jones for making Dores for ye Porch at ye meeting house & for Stocks &c	1	10	0
To John Stoile for his wives nursing John Roberts &c	0	6	3
To Danil Hubbard for James Quiggles Rates &c	0	9	9
To Pallmer Golding Jur for Ringing ye Bell and taking Care of ye meeting house &c	2	1	8
To william Johnson for handles for ye Porch of the meeting house & Belt for ye Stocks	0	5	0
To asa moore for Spikes Hinges & Pine Cants[?]	0	5	4
To Ebenezer Flagg for 267 feet of Plank	0	13	8
To Robert Gray for 407 of Plank	1	1	8
To Josiah Pearce for 156 feet of Plank	0	8	0
To willm young for Surveying ye Public Lands	0	8	0
To John Chandler for 600 feet of Plank	0	12	0
To Samuel Eaton for Building an oven for mr maccarty	0	8	0
To Ezekiel How for 174 feet of Plank	0	9	4
To Samuel andrews for mackinters Rates but he to us[e] his Intrest to git them for ye Town	0	9	0
To Isaac willerd for Eight Tails	0	4	0
To Coll Chandler for 9 Tails	0	4	6
To Jacob Smith for 8 Tails	0	4	0
To Jacob Hemingway for 8 Tails	0	4	0
To John Chandler Jur 9 Tails	0	4	0
To Peter Johnson 9 Tails		4	6
To noah Jones for Joe Boydens Rates	1	5	9
To Samuel andrews for James Glasfords Rates	0	9	2
To ye Suport of ye School to be disposed of in the Same proportion as Last year	60	0	0
To ye Revd mr maccarty for his Salerey for ye year Coming	80	0	0
	155	17	8

The afore Sd Sums being one hundred & fifty five pound Seventeen Shillings & Eight pence Lawfull money to be Levied & assessed by ye assessors according [to] Law on ye Poles & Estates in ye Town and payd in to ye Town Tresurer one half by ye Twenty fifth of next December & ye other half by ye first day of march following & to be payd for ye above uses.

Voted that Danil Hubberd, Noah Jones and william mahon

fence or procure to be fenced Effectually the Publick Lands Lying by Said mahans Place that has been Improved and Lay their accounts before ye Town for allowence.

also voted that ye Comitte for Clearing the Publick Land west of Judge Jnisons Heirs Land See ye Same well Cleared and Sowed Down with Grass as is needfull & that it Lye unfenced this year.

Voted that ye affair of Samuel Lawrence Relating to ye way going across his land for ye Benifitt of Danil Biglo be Continued over to ye next meeting.

Voted y^e^ Report of y^e^ Comitte on y^e^ accounts of John Chandler Junr Esqr Town Tresurer be accepted and that he be Discharged of y^e^ Sum of Two hundred pounds Thirteen Shillings & nine pence half peney & that he further account for y^e^ Sum of fourteen pound nineteen Shillings & fourpence $\frac{3}{4}$ out Standing in y^e^ Constables hands as he Receives y^e^ Same.

voted that y^e^ Intermission Season on Sundays between the forenoon and afternoon Service till y^e^ Town Shall further order be one hour and no more.

Voted that y^e^ Comitte formerly appointed or y^e^ major part of them to See that John Chandler Jur & Danil ward have Efectualy Cleared y^e^ School Land formerly Let to them be Impowred to Inforce y^e^ Same if need be.

voted $\frac{t}{y}$ James Boyd, John Curtice & Joshua Biglo be a Comitte to Consult with y^e^ feild officers & other millitery Comission officers in y^e^ Town as to y^e^ necessity & Conveinency of Leasing out y^e^ Training feild in order to its being Levilled & Report to y^e^ Town at y^e^ next meeting what may be thought proper for ye Town to doe in that affair.

voted that m^r^ Joshua Biglo, Cp^t^ Jenison & mr John Curtice be a Comitte to Consider of ye account of Samuel andrews & Report at ye next meeting what they may think proper for ye Town to Do thereon. The aforegoing vots pased at Sd meeting.

Attes John Chandler, modr.

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att a town meeting Held att Worcester Being Reguarresly assembled att the meting Hous on monday the first Day of october att two of the Clock in the after Noon A D 1753 John Chandler Esqr Was Chosen moderator. *attest* Danil Heywood, Town Clark.

Danil Heywod Was Chosen Town Clarck In the Room of Jonas Rice Esq Dec[d].

Leuit Tirus Rice Was Chosen Surveior of Hy wayes and Collector of the Hyway Tax In the Room of Jonas Rice afforsaid Esq Dec[d] and the Selectmen are to Give Proper orders and Directions to Him Relating Their to and a Warrent for Colecting what of Said Tax Is Not yet Paid In and to Be Disposed of agreeable to the former order and vote of the Town.

Voted that the County Tax for this year Being Eight Pound four Shillings and four pence Be assesed with the Town Tax.

Voted that the Sum of Twenty Eight Shillings & Six pence Be granted to Pay Doctor Tylers accompt of medisons against Isaac Witherbey.

Voted that the Sum of three Pound Be granted for Repairing of the meting Hous and fensing the Buring Place.

voted that this above Said Sum of twelve Ponds twelve Shillings and tene Pence to geather with all Such Sums of money that Have bin granted this Presant year Be assesed In one assesment and Paid out according to the vote of the town or Such orders as the Selectmen Shall Give and to Be paid in to the Town Treasuryer half by the twenty fifth of Desember and half By the first of Next march.

Voted that Daniel heywood and Capt Thomas Stearns Be a Com ittee to See that the burind place gate be hung the Wall Be mend id up and pold With good pealed Poles and that thay agree With Som Sutiable Parsons to See the Same affected and Compleated as Soon as may be att the best Lay they can the above vote Pased at Suid meeting *Attest* John Chandler, moderator.

I Sertify that the above offisers were Sworn to the faithfull Dis charge of Their Respective offises and that att the Same Time they toock the oath Relating to the Bills of Credit of other Govern ments. *att* John Chandler, Just Peace.

Worcester may 22 : 1753.

Jonathan mowers Ear mark of his Cattle & Sheep is a Cross ot of y[e] left Ear & Slitt in y[e] End of y[e] Right Ear.

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The Annual Meeting of The Worcester Society of Antiquity was held at its Library room, Tuesday evening, January 6th, 1880,—the President in the chair. The Secretary being absent, Albert A. Lovell was chosen Secretary *pro tem.* The President then delivered his Annual Address, as follows:—

ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of The Worcester Society of Antiquity:—

On assuming the duties and responsibilities of the position with which I have been honored by the unanimous vote of The Worcester Society of Antiquity, I cannot fail to express my gratitude to each and every member, for the continuance of such friendly relations, after a year's service as presiding officer.

Although entering upon duty at the beginning of another year, we are not called upon to take up any new burden or lay down the one we already bear. Our mission is not one that changes with the seasons. When we become weary with the labor it

imposes and seek other employments, the places we leave will be filled by zealous laborers from a new generation; but the corner stone laid by our hands will continue to support the superstructure, though the sound of the builder's hammer may ring through its arches for centuries to come.

> "Oh, that a man might know
> The end of this day's business ere it comes."

The members of this Society have been attracted hither because of their interests in the objects, aims and purposes set forth in the card of invitation issued Jan. 21, 1875, to only four persons, inviting them to meet at a private house for consultation relative to establishing an association for "the rescue and preservation of such historical matter as might otherwise be lost."

This modest proposition had for its vital force the spirit of determined and unyielding perseverance. It did not imply the formation of a society whose members should carelessly stand beside some beautiful river, gazing with rapture upon the moving waters bearing onward and out of sight the records and the relics of entombed generations, without a struggle or an effort to rescue the vanishing treasures except such as might be stranded at their feet; but it did intimate that the tide should be watched, the waters arrested in their course, if need be, and the golden threads of perishing history industriously gathered up and woven into available fabric bearing the impress of this Society's seal, and dedicated to coming generations. From that hour to the present we have employed such means and measures as came within our reach to assist the historian and genealogist in their researches at some future day.

We were fortunate in adopting a name so unique and expressive as to attract attention outside of Worcester. We were fortunate in adopting a plan for the preservation of our history as a society, and the history of our own labors to make it valuable to the public. We were fortunate in obtaining a membership composed of earnest and intelligent workers in the line of our profession, and we have been highly favored by the contributions they have bestowed upon us as well as for their devotion to the general interests of the Society. We were fortunate in commencing our labors in the same locality with the American

Antiquarian Society, and in the enjoyment of the good will of its members. We are under special obligations to Hon. Stephen Salisbury, President of that Society, for words publicly spoken in our behalf. We are also indebted to Stephen Salisbury Jr. and Albert Curtis, Esqrs. for their unsolicited substantial aid, and also for the active interest they have repeatedly expressed in our work and welfare.

> "The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,
> Grapple them by the soul with hooks of steel."

Our membership must of necessity be limited, on account of our peculiar employment. Laborers are always plenty where the compensation is ample and the labor light; but deeds of charity and all labor for the benefit of mankind, under a promise to pay in future results, has always been performed by those acting under the special direction of a most liberal inspiration.

When we turn back to the close of the first year of our existence and find that we had but twelve members, and again on the 2d day of January, 1877, when we had a membership of only thirty, with no regular place of meeting and no library set apart from the private collections of our members, it is not strange that we feel encouraged by our prosperity during the last two years, considering that we had no inducement to present for public or private recognition, except the possible future culmination of our united efforts and the uncertain fruition of our hopes. But we have passed the first critical point in our existence, and it is not inconsistent with the harmonies of legitimate progression that we now find so many thinking men seeking admission to the attractive fields in which we have chosen to labor, the boundaries of which are constantly growing broader, and the entire area more beautiful by reason of every worthy thought offered as a contribution.

On the second day of January, 1877, our Librarian reported seven entries under the head of "donations," for the year 1876, and the Treasurer had received five dollars and paid out four. We had issued no publications; but Charles R. Johnson Esq. and Mr. Ellery B. Crane had read interesting papers which have since been printed. On the second day of October, 1877, our first meeting was held in this room, and some of the members

were inclined to think it too large for present use. It is now not only well filled with useful material, but so much crowded that we shall soon be obliged to occupy another room. We have a library of 1325 bound volumes, 4342 pamphlets and a valuable collection of manuscripts, relics, coins and curiosities. We have printed and in press more than 1000 octavo pages, embracing a variety of subjects other than our regular proceedings, which have been of such a character as to attract the attention, not only of persons specially interested in antiquarian research, but of the general reader; and by virtue of these publications we have become widely and favorably known.

Our relations with other societies are of the most friendly character, and their officers have in numerous cases exhibited a worthy generosity in our behalf. The courtesy extended to our able and efficient Librarian, Mr. Albert A. Lovell, while attending the convention of the American Library Association held in Boston last summer, by E. M. Barton Esq. of the American Antiquarian Society, deserves to be gratefully remembered.

On the 15th day of July last, Rev. Silas Ketchum, then President of the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society, made the following remarks in his Annual Address:—

"At the time this Society was formed it was the only one in America with a plan of equal scope, and proposing the same methods of operation. But,—following in the line of endeavor we had marked out,—with such deviations as to limits and modus operandi, as the differing circumstances seemed to demand, our worthy friend here, judge Jillson, our orator for to-day, with other gentlemen in and around Worcester, formed in 1875 The Worcester Society of Antiquity, under the general laws of Massachusetts. On my return from Salem to Connecticut last autumn, I took occasion to accept an invitation to visit their rooms in Worcester.

I received from the officers of the society the most courteous attention; was shown their library and collections, and many objects of historical interest in the city. They have made an excellent beginning; and in an especial manner have shown their wisdom by publishing regularly their proceedings as well as other valuable historical documents, and are in a very prosperous condition.

It is a source of additional gratification to me that I am able, in your presence, to shake hands with the only other president of a similar organization in the country, and to pledge to him our cordial fraternal regard and continued co-operation in the work so bravely undertaken and so successfully carried on, by the society he represents."

I had the honor of delivering the annual address before the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society on the 15th of July last, and of receiving the hospitality of its members and their friends. Hospitality in New Hampshire means something more than common politeness, and makes an impression as lasting as the material upon which it is made.

The publications of that society are curiosities, and whoever obtains a copy will have the best kind of an excuse for making a will. The society has the best collection of implements used on the farm and in the household one hundred years ago, representing New England life in early times, that can be found in this country. I take the liberty to extend the thanks of The Worcester Society of Antiquity to the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society, for its generous recognition of our humble efforts.

Most of the societies organized for purposes similar to our own, started with a library or a fund, many of them with both, while we were obliged to enter upon our mission without either. But considering what we have accomplished, it will do no harm if every member, separately, should feel grateful to all, collectively, that we are not burdened with a debt at the present time.

But this financial success is due to the liberality of two members, and the rest of the society can only claim that they have made a record worthy of such favor. We need and ought to have a fund, the income of which would be sufficient to render us substantial assistance in the prosecution of our work, which consists mainly in collecting and preserving local history. But this cannot be expected till we show by absolute results that our society is, and is to be, a permanent institution for the public good. Our perpetuity, in my opinion, is already established, and, considering what we have already accomplished, it must appear that our ability to do good in the future will depend largely upon what we have to work with. Our donations of books have been quite extensive, as shown by the Librarian's report, but there is no income from books. Their custody and preservation require constant expense which can only be met, as we are now situated, by assessment. Our principal and most important work, — that of collecting and preserving local history, —if properly done, is not only difficult but expensive; and

this generation is not likely to pay what it costs. In view of these facts it becomes important for us as a society to do what we can pay for and no more.

If, by pursuing this course, we are able to merit and receive the patronage of those who are able to render pecuniary assistance, our measure of usefulness may be much enlarged and the public thereby benefited. But we are not to wait for wind-falls, nor turn aside from such duty as our humble means will permit us to perform. We have many encouragements, one of the most important being the class of men who seek admission to our ranks. They are not such as would join us out of curiosity or for some purpose foreign to our cause, but all seem to be interested and earnest in the advancement of our labors. Those who have visited our meetings, by invitation or otherwise, have expressed their approval of our work. All these things serve to stimulate us to more determined action, and to call forth our best efforts in a cause that meets such a hearty response in the midst of an intelligent community.

At most of our regular meetings during the past year this Society has been honored by the presence of a remarkable man from a generation previous to our own, now in his 88th year,—a man whose example in the christian ministry, in the social circle and in private life, has had an unmistakable influence for good throughout this Commonwealth,—a man whose hand the older members of this society have often seen directing the issue in behalf of human freedom, standing as it were in the halo of approaching liberty and light, the prayerful, judicious, but persevering prompter of patriots and statesmen; and when Abraham Lincoln had been persuaded to inscribe "Liberty" upon the brows of four millions of slaves, a vote of thanks was due from the American people to Rev. George Allen, of Worcester.

"It shall be said his judgment ruled our hands."

Town history is made valuable by an impartial recital of the personal efforts and achievments of those persons who have sacrificed their private interests for the public good. The political and religious partizan finds a set-off in some other person of the same sort, and both do their best to render themselves worthy

to be treated as "unknown quantities." Only those who unconsciously display the broad impulses of a generous nature are worthy to be placed upon record. It is not of so much importance to know that "there lived a man," as it is to fathom his motives, discover and appreciate his genius, and become convinced that he was his own leader, and so far as human agency goes, the framer of his own destiny.

Unless we can say or do something that has never before been said or done, or improve upon what others have expressed by act or word, the space we occupy would be of more value unincumbered. I do not mean to say that only those are useful who make an undue display of their qualities in trying to exalt themselves above their fellows, for such are only a hindrance to those quiet workers whose good deeds culminate in the lives of other men. The rich and popular inventor seldom spends his time in trying to discover how many of the ideas embodied in his patent claims came from the suggestions of some workman of the most humble sort. The simple and unpretending effort of Joel D. Stratton, when he accosted John B. Gough with the words, "You have been drinking; why do you not sign the pledge?" gave Mr. Gough the first impulse to pursue a most wonderful career for the benefit of mankind. But Joel D. Stratton would have been entirely forgotten had it not been for the generous nature of Mr. Gough, whose gratitude for that act of kindness has been so often publicly expressed. From such causes let us learn a lesson. They apply to the business we have in hand.

There are but few who understand aggregates, except those who have been familiar with the details of which they are made. A thousand small things, each insignificant in itself may, when combined, become of the utmost importance. The combination of historical facts in such form as to make a continuous narrative of town or country, embellished with romance growing out of actual occurences, would be a labor worthy of our attention; and the smaller the items with which we deal the more interesting to the general public would be the result of our labors.

That class of history made up of popular and notorious occurrences will take care of itself. The noisy politician and the

brawling fanatic will occupy all the space they deserve in the annals of their time; and it becomes our duty to see that those who are silent as to their own merits are not crowded out by them.

It is a part of our duty to speak for those who do not speak for themselves, and to place upon record the silent and unobtrusive lives of some who occupy humble and obscure positions. Even charity loses its virtue in applause; but silence makes it worthy the approval of an enlightened conscience, and impresses upon it the divinity of unselfishness.

"Greatness lies insphered in silence, littleness to sound is stirred;
All the grandest things in Nature never have been seen or heard.
Proving down by printless logic all the science of the school,
Silence is the law of being, sound, the breaking of the rule.
Let thy soul walk softly in thee, as a saint in heaven unshod,
For to be alone with silence is to be alone with God."

But I must not occupy your time with a statement of *my* opinion as to *your* duty. The name of our society,—its purposes set forth in the constitution—the character of its present members, and the collections we see around us are all emblematic of our mission and cannot be misunderstood by any person of sufficient intelligence to become a member. We must not become discouraged because so many discoveries have already been made, but continue the good work so bravely begun by others.

The student of Nature is not crowded in his sphere of action by men of genius. There is room for all thought, a field for all labor. The globe upon which we dwell has undoubtedly been the abode of man for millions of years, and far beneath its present surface lies the most substantial evidence of pre-historic civilization, of an order not inferior to that of the present day. The wonderful ruins of Central and North America, where temples and obelisks have perished by the endless decay of time, and the tangled roots of trees, the growth of a thousand years, now encircle the altars of remote and unknown generations, will stimulate the student of antiquity to more thorough research and new discovery. Already great cities, once standing at an altitude of 5000 feet above the ocean, where architecture, sculpture, painting, and all the arts required to adorn civilized life have been found overgrown with ancient forests. The men who reared those massive structures, designed and executed their elaborate

adornments, have perished leaving no record but the cold stones upon which they carved the dialect and emblems of their generations, and their memory has vanished with the dying centuries. The streets then trod by a busy multitude have been silent through hundreds of lingering decades. Extensive marts of trade, where the voice of industry and the strife of business have evidently been heard for centuries, are now a mass of disjointed ruins, with no history to connect them with any known race of human beings.

> "Where Senates once the weal of nations planned,
> Hisseth the gliding snake through hoary weeds,
> That clasp the mouldering columns."

It is to be regretted that cities* on this continent, beautiful as any that ever stood on the banks of the Nile, should thus become desolate and beyond the reach of record. But what shall we say of our own city whose history, as now written, is but a mere sketch, indefinite and superficial? The unwritten early history of Worcester is as thoroughly obscure as that of Copan.

When Samuel Allen, Silas Barber, Benjamin Butman, Lewis Chapin, James Campbell, Abel and Benjamin Flagg, William D. Fenno, Ira McFarland, Asa and Levi Gates, William E. and John Green, John Gleason, Henry Haywood, William Harrington, John Jones, Cyrus and David Lovell, Levi Moore, Henry Parker and Luther White died, volumes of ungathered material relating to our own local history, passed beyond the restoration of human research. These men were all born in Worcester previous to the present century, and were all living here in 1862, one as late as 1879. Each one knew more about Worcester than has ever been written or printed. The lives of their fathers covered the entire period of the revolution, the thrilling romance of which had been so often rehearsed in their presence by the veterans of the war. Their cotemporaries are dead, with but a single exception.† The traditions of their ancestors can never be repeated. The golden link between the present and remote generations has been severed. The last fire-side tale of "ye olden time" has faded from the memory of the living, and history furnishes no substantial relief.

* Copan, Montagna and Palenque, in Central America. † Rev. Geo. Allen.

Let us draw a line at this point, and resolve to-night that The Worcester Society of Antiquity shall open a new book and write upon its pages the history of current events. Let us rely no longer upon tradition, nor trust the public records to be kept by a single copy. The work now being done by Mr. Rice and Mr. Lovell under the authority of this Society, involving the publication of the ancient public records of the town, is of the greatest importance; and yet the City Council and the people are not unwilling that these gentlemen should perform this labor without compensation. It is true that the records of Worcester have been preserved for more than 150 years since the town was organized with only a single copy in existence; but the records of the Old South church, of equal value, have been stolen from the archives. Had they been printed and placed in various libraries as have recently been the town records, Worcester would have been deprived of one historical blemish.

The character of our proceedings and publications for 1879 are not inferior to those of former years, and the whole when bound together, will contain more local history, heretofore unwritten, than can be found in any similar publication ever issued in this county. But all we have thus far accomplished as a Society has been the result of constant labor, the performance of which we cheerfully accept as our reward.

It was voted that John E. Russell Esq. of Leicester be invited to read his paper entitled "The project of an Inter-Oceanic Canal," at the next regular meeting, and that Mr. H. H. Chamberlin be invited to read a paper at the monthly meeting in March.

On motion of Mr Staples, a vote of thanks was extended to the President, Hon. Clark Jillson, for his able address, and that a copy be requested for publication with the proceedings of the Society.

The next regular meeting was held Tuesday evening, Feb. 3, 1880, and Messrs. Clark Jillson, Crane Staples, Comins, F. C. Jillson, Dickinson, Lamb, Cook, Sumner, Peck, J. A. Smith, Marshall, Dodge and Lovell were present.

At this meeting John E. Russell Esq., of Leicester, complied with the invitation extended to him, and read a carefully prepared paper on "The project of an Inter-Oceanic Canal," for connecting the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, in which he considered the obstacles to be overcome in the event of the work being undertaken, and advocated the enforcement of the "Monroe Doctrine," by the United States should the enterprise be under the control of European Powers. The subject was ably presented and commanded earnest attention. On motion of Mr. Dodge, the thanks of the Society were tendered Mr. Russell for his valuable and interesting paper.

March 2, 1880, the Society convened at the usual place, and in the absence of the President, Vice-President E. B. Crane occupied the chair. Other members present were, Messrs. Staples, Stone, Shumway, Lamb, Esty, Dodge, Marshall, Phelps, Mann, Potter, Chamberlin, Chas. R. Johnson, Tucker, Lawrence, Rice, Cook and Jas. A. Smith. There were also present Rev. George Allen and Dr. Dean Towne.— Rev. Silas Ketchum of Windsor, Conn., was elected an Honorary member, and Hon. Charles Adams Jr. of North Brookfield, C. B. Tillinghast, of Boston, Lieut. Fred. G. Hyde, U. S. Navy, of Oxford, and

Rudolph Garrigue, of Morrisania, N. Y., were elected Corresponding members, and Addison Prentiss of Worcester, an active member. Interesting letters were read by the Secretary, from Henry B. Dawson Esq., Morrisania, N. Y., and R. Crawford, Corresponding Secretary of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, Deerfield, Mass. Mr. Henry H. Chamberlin, not having completed the paper he designed to present at this meeting, read instead, a sketch of the life of Dr. Schlieman, which was listened to with much interest by all present. Interesting remarks upon the subject of the paper were made by Burton W. Potter Esq., Chas. R. Johnson Esq., Rev. George Allen and Dr. Dean Towne. The thanks of the society were tendered to Mr. Chamberlin for having favored the Society with the reading of his paper.

As previously announced, Mr. John E. Russell of Leicester, repeated his lecture upon "The project of an Inter-Oceanic Canal," under the auspices of the Society, at Lyceum Hall, on Tuesday evening, March 5, to a large and intelligent audience. At the close of the lecture the speaker was heartily congratulated upon the matter it contained and the manner of its delivery. An adjourned meeting of the Society was held at the usual place, March 9, 1880, Vice-President Crane in the chair. There were present at this meeting, Messrs. Crane, Rice, Marshall, Lee, Staples, Lamb, Dickinson, Cook, Shumway, F. C. Jillson, J. A. Smith, Scott, Sumner, Lovell, and thirty-eight

others by invitation. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the members of The Worcester Society of Antiquity desire to place on record their appreciation of the valuable services rendered this Society, by John E. Russell Esq., of Leicester, and that we feel truly grateful to him for the very generous and manly courtesies so repeatedly extended towards us, always doing honor to our Association.

At this meeting, by invitation, Lieut. Fred. G. Hyde, U. S. Navy, of Oxford, Mass., a Corresponding member of the Society, read a paper entitled "Life on an American Man-of-War, and observations in foreign ports," in which he gave a history of a two year's cruise in the Flag-ship, Hartford, to various South American ports, which was a very interesting narrative, and presented in a most happy manner, for which a vote of thanks was extended by the Society.

The next regular meeting was held Tuesday evening, April 6, 1880, at which Hon. Clark Jillson presided. There were thirteen members present. Mr. Charles B. Knight was elected a member of the Society, and Mr. Edward H. Rice was transferred from the Active to the Corresponding list, at his own request. The last communication from Rev. Silas Ketchum, of Windsor, Conn., acknowledging and accepting his election as Honorary member of The Worcester Society of Antiquity, was read at this meeting.

The Librarian made his report for the month, showing many valuable additions to the library and collections of the Society. The thanks of the Society

were voted to Mr. Samuel H. Putnam for an elaborate Pen-and-Ink sketch, the work of Mr. Jacob Kohlmann, a blacksmith by trade, now deceased.

A regular meeting of the Society was held Tuesday evening, May 4, and there were present Clark Jillson, Crane, Staples, F. C. Jillson, F. P. Rice, Lovell, Seagrave, Chamberlin, C. R. Johnson, T. S. Johnson, Scott, Lee, Dodge, Sumner, Lamb, Tolman, Shumway, Marshall, Dickinson, Cook, Comins Lawrence, Esty, Merriam, Potter, J. A. Smith, Rev. George Allen, Joseph Lovell and E. M. Barton.

Hon. Clark Jillson then formally announced the death of Rev. Silas Ketchum, one of our Honorary members, and presented the following

MEMORIAL ADDRESS.

We are again reminded of the uncertainty of human life, by the sudden and unexpected death of one of our most respected Honorary members. Rev. Silas Ketchum, pastor of the second Congregational Church in Windsor, Conn., died Saturday morning, April 24th, 1880, at Boston, in the Dorchester District, at the residence of his friend, Rev. Harlan P. Gage.

Silas Ketchum was born in Barre, Vt., December 4th, 1835. On his father's side he was descended from Gov. William Bradford, and on his mother's from Edward Doty, both of whom were passengers in the Mayflower. When he was sixteen years of age his father removed to Hopkinton, N. H., where Silas worked at the shoemaker's trade till his father's death in 1855. He had long cherished a desire to obtain an education, and soon after his father's death entered Hopkinton Academy where he remained two terms, when he commenced teaching school, the

same being necessary for his support. He taught in Hopkinton Academy, and in Amherst and Nelson. While he was employed in teaching his entire time out of school hours was devoted to fitting himself for college. In 1858 he was prepared to enter Dartmouth, but sickness prevented, and for two years he studied under private instructors, during which time he became familiar with the French, Spanish and Italian languages.

On the 6th day of April, 1860 he was married to Georgia C. daughter of Elbridge Hardy, of Amherst, N. H., a young lady of fine education and culture, who has been able to render her husband acceptable service in his literary labors. During the same year he entered Bangor Theological Seminary, and while pursuing his studies supported himself and wife by labor at his trade, missing but one recitation during the three years he was there. He graduated in 1863, and without taking any time for rest or recreation, commenced preaching at Wardsboro, Vt., in December of that year.

His pleasing address, his sincerity and undoubted ability, made him popular among all classes; and during his stay of twenty-one months his congregation was increased more than two hundred per cent. He next removed to Brattleboro, where he became one of the editors of the Vermont Weekly and Semi-Weekly Record, and the Vermont School Journal.

In November, 1866, he was called to the church in Bristol, N. H., where he labored more than eight years with great success. He was ordained Sept. 17th, 1867. He reorganized the schools of Bristol, and under his direction they were graded and made more efficient and practical. He exhibited a deep interest in the education of young persons for the learned professions; and being an active member of the state Teacher's Association, he lectured on educational topics throughout the State.

He was a prominent member of the Masonic order, and was Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire from 1871 to 1875. His address entitled "Historic Masonry," delivered at the installation of the officers of Union Lodge in the town hall, Bristol, Feb. 1, 1873, is a document worthy of perusal. It contains some of the finest sentiments ever uttered in behalf of masonry, and whoever reads it will obtain more light by the perusal. In his closing sentence he says, "The only true pass to

respectability, in Masonry or out of it, is to be respectable."

In 1875, on account of failing health, he resigned his position at Bristol and went to Maplewood, Malden, Mass., where his labors were comparatively light. He left Maplewood in October, 1876, with impaired health and but little hope of complete recovery. From the 15th of July, 1877, he preached in the second Congregational church in Windsor, Conn., till a short time before his death. For many years he was an industrious collector of ancient, rare and curious books, and his knowledge of that class of literature was very extensive. He was a great reader; and I was told in Hopkinton last summer that when he was attending school there, it was his custom to read on his way to and from school, which led some to think his zeal outran his judgment, but his success in after life proved that both were under proper control.

He contributed to the New Hampshire Historical Society 512 volumes; to the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society 1200 volumes and 3000 pamphlets; to the American Congregational Society, Boston, 552 volumes, and several volumes and relics to The Worcester Society of Antiquity. He was a member of all these societies and many others. He took a deep interest in securing the old home of Daniel Webster for the New Hampshire Orphan's Home, and became a life member of that institution.

He delivered the Annual Address before the New Hampshire Historical Society in 1877, being then a corresponding member.

In 1878 he became a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and corresponding member of the New York Historical Society. He was also a member of the Prince Society, Boston, and an honorary member of The Worcester Society of Antiquity.

The Philomathic Club from which sprung the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society, was organized on the 19th of Nov., 1859, three persons only, Silas Ketchum, Darwin C. Blanchard and George E. Crowell, being present. On the 19th of Nov., 1873, the Club was transformed into the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society. Silas Ketchum was Corresponding Secretary, in 1873-4-5, and President in 1876-7-8. This Society was the pride of his life, and he the corner stone of the Society. The loss to that organization, caused by his death, will be perpetual.

Mr. Ketchum was a writer of unusual merit, and was employed for several years by publishing houses in New York and Boston as a reviewer. His essays and other writings have been much admired for their simplicity and beauty of expression.

His publications are, A Farewell Discourse, Wardsboro, Vt., 1865; Historic Masonry, An Address, Bristol, 1873; History of the Philomathic Club, Bristol, 1875; Eulogy on Henry Wilson, Malden, 1876; Diary of the Invasion of Canada by the American Army in 1772, Contoocook, 1876; Special Geography of New Hampshire, New York, 1877; Paul on Mars Hill, Ancient Windsor, 1879. He was preparing histories of the Ketchum and Doty families, and a Dictionary of New Hampshire Biography. During the last four years Mr. Ketchum has completed more than 1000 biographical sketches, and collected material for 2000 more. This great work is still unfinished, and is liable to remain so for years, perhaps forever.

Such is a brief outline of the labors of an industrious worker, recounting only those of a public character. His work as a student, as a pastor, as an antiquarian and philanthropist have been so extensive as to frequently astonish his friends and create alarm in their minds as to whether he would long be able to endure the strain upon his nervous system. He once told a member of this Society that the hours were not long enough for him to perform what he considered to be his whole duty.

Endowed by Nature with a superior mind and intellect, cultivated in youth by his own efforts, he was able to grasp and comprehend subjects beyond the reach of ordinary men. He was not indebted to birth or fortune; but all his achievements were wrought out by his own hand, guided by his own genius, tempered by the judicious influence of his accomplished wife.

> "A loving wife beguiled him more than Fame's emblazoned zeal,
> And one sweet note of tenderness than Triumph's wildest peal."

Plain and simple in his habits, calm and dignified in his deportment, generous to a fault, he gathered around him a large circle of trusty friends outside of his native town, outside of his adopted State, outside of New England, beyond the seas.

His honesty of purpose was never questioned; his affection for family and friends was a part of his nature, woven into the sensitive fibres of his soul. His career in life presents a noble example of perseverance and faith, controlled by good judgment, and sanctified by the highest type of manhood.

> "His life was gentle; and the elements
> So mixed in him, that Nature might stand up
> And say to all the world, 'This was a man.'"

His labors in the christain ministry were such as to touch the hearts of his people, and fill their minds full of the inspiration that glowed in his own soul. His intellect was clear, his convictions strong, consistent and convincing; and in his life there was everything to approve, nothing to condemn. A stricken family mourns its "loved one lost,"—a sincere, truthful and confiding friend; but we need only to say that in his tomb reposes the ashes of a wise, intelligent and honest man.

The New Hampshire Antiquarian Society has lost its most devoted friend, and The Worcester Society of Antiquity is not unmindful of its grief. But we all have the consolation of knowing that the dark valley of Death, with its gloomy shadows, had no terrors for him; for to him they were made radiant by the bright rays of Christain hope, dispelling all dread as he approached the narrow house where all the living must sooner or later dwell.

His labors are ended, his voice forever hushed, his mortal remains consigned to their final place of rest; but the words he uttered while living, and the deeds he performed in behalf of mankind will not vanish like a shadow, but be transmitted from generation to generation through ages to come.

Messrs. Jerome Wheelock and Albert P. Marble, of Worcester, were elected members of the Society.

The Executive Committee were authorized to make all necessary arrangements for an excursion to the Huguenot ruins in Oxford. Mr. Henry H. Chamberlin then read a very interesting historical paper on "The Trade of Worcester during the present century," which was listened to with undivided attention and interest. Remarks followed, by Rev. George Allen, Joseph Lovell, Mr. Chamberlin and others. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Chamberlin for the paper, and a copy requested for publication, which is here printed in full.

THE TRADE OF WORCESTER

DURING THE PRESENT CENTURY.

In the year 1800, Worcester, the shire-town of Worcester county, contained a population of 1413 persons, not quite four per cent. of that of the county, which numbered 9,1[illegible]. The prominent merchants of the town at this time were Stephen Salisbury, David Wheld, Jr., John Nazro, Asa Hamilton, Oliver Fiske, Wm. Cardwell, Elijah Dix & Son, Thomas Stickney, and Capt. John Lyon. As his advertisement modestly sets forth, "Mr. Lyon offers dry goods in exchange for wood, grain, or a good cow." His was probably the earliest dry goods store in the town. Dr. Oliver Fiske combined with his laboratory and medical practice the sale of groceries and dry goods, the latter under the skilful management of Mrs. Fiske, who conducted both purchases and sales. Capt. Asa Hamilton sold groceries

dry goods, and lottery tickets, the latter for the most praiseworthy object, such as promoting the cause of sound learning at Harvard College, and the liquidation of church debts. Samuel Brazer sold crockery and China ware, groceries, dry goods and jewelry. James Wilson was then in business, succeeding Isaiah Thomas as Postmaster in 1801. Isaiah Thomas, the founder of the "Massachusetts Spy," who had removed here from Boston, was the first Postmaster, having been appointed in 1775. He distributed the mail and Weekly Spy through the north part of the county by sending his clerk, Nathaniel Maccarty, to Fitchburg once a week, and a Post-rider also left here for Salem every Wednesday morning, arriving here on his return every Saturday night. Mr. Thomas, besides conducting the Post-office and publishing the Spy, had established a large book selling and publishing business: it is noticeable that he advertises not only an edition of 20,000 copies of the New Testament, but "ΚΑΙΝΗ ΔΙΑΘΗΚΗ" and the "Novum Testamentum;" thus, also, providing for the classical tastes of his customers.

Mr. Stephen Salisbury had commenced business here in 1767, when 21 years of age, and early identified himself with the patriotic colonists in their resistance to the oppression of Great Britain: his name is often found on the committees having in charge the welfare of the citizens, showing the same regard for the best interests of Worcester and devotion to her prosperity that have made the name conspicuous in our annals for more than a hundred years. Daniel Waldo, Jr., had some years before succeeded to the business of his father, which was established here in 1782, and did a large importing business in hardware and dry goods. Dr. Elijah Dix, whose name is mentioned above, had removed to Boston in 1795, but the business was still continued here by the junior partner; among the graduates of the Boston store were the late David Henshaw, at one time secretary of the navy, and the late George Brinley, senior, who was associated with Dea. Butman in building the two blocks of stores that severally bear their names.

In 1810 the population of the town had increased to 2597 and that of the county to 64,910, showing about the same ratio as that of the previous census. Mr. John Foxcroft had succeeded

to the business of John Nazro at his store near the corner of Pleasant street, opposite the site of the present City Hall, and occupied the Nazro mansion, which stood back from Main street under the magnificent elm that was for so many years the pride and ornament of City square. Dr. Jeremiah Robinson had succeeded to the business of E. Dix & Son, occupying the store and house nearly opposite the head of school street, where the late J. M. C. Armsby's house (now S. M. Richardson's) stands. Although, like his predecessors and competitors, Dr. Robinson continued to sell "piece goods," as they were called, and gave special attention to the sale of patent medicines. "Humanity induces him to submit" a long list of cures effected by Dr. Redfield's asthmatic pills. Dr. Relfe's various compounds carried "healing on their wings" to hundreds of suffering and incredulous invalids. John W. Lincoln, who had been apprenticed to his uncle, Daniel Waldo, had commenced business in a new brick block, a part of which was afterwards occupied by James Green & Co.: he imported many of his goods, especially hardware and dry goods: in a long catalogue of newly imported goods, he offers "a fresh assortment of ladies' bonnets, knapsacks, groceries and hardware, just received by the Mercury from Bristol." Otis Corbett dealt largely in Watches and military goods. Thomas Stickney offers dry goods, crockery and glass ware. Daniel Waldo (no longer junior) is still in extensive business. Mr. Salisbury continues his business at what is now Lincoln square. Dr. Oliver Fiske continues his business in its various departments in the long wooden building nearly opposite Sikes' tavern, long afterwards known as "Thomas' Coffee House." Dr. Fiske had now become prominent in public affairs, being at this time a member of the Executive Council, which position he occupied for five years succeeding 1809. Isaiah Thomas is still actively engaged in his special department, advertising the speech of Senator Bayard, as the Spy might to-day. Capt. Asa Hamilton still continues the sale of dry goods, groceries and lottery tickets. Many of the other names have disappeared from the list.

In 1820, the population of the town was 2962, and that of the county 73,625, continuing about the same ratio as for the

previous twenty years. Still further changes have taken place in the business of the town, but I pass over a period of two years and come to 1822, that I may speak from personal recollection of the town, its business and its inhabitants; and I ask your indulgence while I attempt to give a description of them as I remember them. The town, or what might be called the village, consisted principally of one broad, irregular street, beginning at Paine's hill and ending (the thickly settled part of it) at what is now Chandler street. There were five or six houses on Pleasant street east of Potash hill, and Front street. Park street and Mechanic street had each about as many. Summer street (then called Back street) extending from Lincoln square to Washington square, contained three dwelling houses, four small cottages, occupied by the late Peter Rich and his numerous progeny, one school house, Dr. Bancroft's church and the county house. Main street was lined for the most part with gigantic sycamores and splendid elms, so that one might stand almost anywhere in the middle of the street and look either way through a green arch of foliage; beneath it was the traveled road, and on either hand a broad, uneven strip of turf sloped to the foot path; bordering this street were substantial square white houses, each surrounded by its own spacious yard and garden. Occasionally were interspersed among these the various stores and offices, with here and there a brick house or store of more pretension.

At this time the warehouses of Mr. Salisbury, (who had retired from business in 1818), situated on Lincoln square, were all closed. Dr. Abraham Lincoln, brother of Levi Lincoln, senior, occupied a store in front of the site of the present Antiquarian hall, but he was at this time, and for the remainder of his life, much more occupied with politics and his public duties than with his store. The next store, proceeding southerly over Court hill, after passing the closed store of Isaiah Thomas, was the book store of George A. Trumbull, who then published the Massachusetts Spy. In 1824, Mr. Trumbull sold out the book store to Mr. Clarendon Harris; this was kept in the store previously occupied by Dr. Fiske, who, after retiring from business, had been Register of deeds from 1816 to 1821, and was now engaged in horticulture. Next came the drug and seed store of

Dr. Jeremiah Robinson, who has already been mentioned. The next store, proceeding southerly, was occupied by Rice & Miller, who succeeded Daniel Waldo in 1821: from this time they confined their business to hardware, of which they were extensive importers, and to the manufacture and sale of stoves and tin ware. Proceeding southerly past the Calvinist church, which was built in 1825, the dwellings of William and Nathaniel Eaton, the Centre School house, and Dr. Green's house, we come to the store of Jonathan Wood and his associates. Next this was the store of Samuel Brazer, whose business was now confined to crockery, glass ware and grass seed; this was kept in the basement story of his new brick house of two tenements, at present occupied by William Dickinson. Proceeding southerly past the new brick double house of Enoch and Elisha Flagg and their bakery, we come to the house and then the store of Captain Asa Hamilton, who still continued the sale of groceries, dry goods, and lottery tickets as heretofore. A few rods farther south was the store of Earle & Chase, where an extensive business was done. Mr. Earle is remembered by the present generation as John Milton Earle of the Spy, of which he came into possession about 1823, and of which he was editor till he was succeeded by John D. Baldwin & Sons, the present proprietors. Mr. Chase, who has just died at an advanced age, for many years filled the office of County Treasurer with credit to himself and advantage to the county. Close to the store of Earle & Chase, stood the house and shop of Nathaniel Coolidge, a man of some note in town affairs. Otis Corbett's store for the sale of watches, jewelry, and military goods, was next. At this time Mr. Corbett had become largely engaged in politics, and filled several offices in the gift of the town. Then a long space on the street was occupied by the house of Nathaniel Maccarty, the new brick mansion of Levi Lincoln, then already a distinguished Lawyer in large practice, and I think also the house and office of Mr. Joseph Allen, father of our venerable associate. Next was the house of Mr. John Miller, father of Mr. Henry W. Miller: adjoining his yard stood a two story store occupied by Captain Samuel Ward, (afterwards colonel,) who did a flourishing business in groceries and dry goods; he shortly afterwards sold his

business and good will to Mr. Francis T. Merrick. After this came the house of Hon. Nathaniel Paine, and just beyond his office, making the corner of Pleasant street. The house is still standing on Salem street and is a good land mark to show the progress of building since the time of which we are speaking. On the opposite corner of Pleasant street, standing well back from the street, was the Nazro house, then occupied by Mrs. Foxcroft, and beyond it the store previously mentioned.

On the opposite side of Main street Wm. Harrington kept a store where the City Hall now stands. Crossing front street and going north we come to the corner store occupied by Samuel Allen, Jr., in what has been known as the "Compound," a long one story building with several stores, to one of which Mr. F. T. Merrick had taken his stock of goods, the Col. Ward store being removed to make room for a new store. This was a magnificent brick building, two stories high and nearly 60 feet deep, much the largest store that had ever been built here, and was considered very magnificent. When finished it was occupied by Heywood, Paine & Paine, the partners being Daniel Heywood, Frederick W. Paine, and Gardiner Paine. This firm not only conducted a large mercantile business, but by their courage and enterprise contributed greatly to the growth of the town. They built a large distillery, a block of stores, and excavated the canal basin at Washington square, besides introducing water from Bell pond.

Next north of the "Compound" building was the Worcester Hotel, known long afterwards as the United States Hotel, or "The States." Crossing Mechanic street, we find Mrs. Elizabeth Denny's store in the corner of the family mansion. This and Miss Elza Bancroft's store were the first exclusive dry goods stores, after Mrs. Lyon's. Very soon after this date Stiles and Butnam built and occupied a store on the site of Grout's block, Thurston & Co.'s fruit store, and Allen's boot and shoe store, where a large and prosperous business was done. Mr. Stiles retired after a few years, and the business was continued by Benjamin Butman & Co. Mr. Butman in mature life met with misfortunes which impoverished him, but he courageously met them, and set to work manfully to repair them, and retired many

years ago with a competency, which was afterwards greatly enhanced by his inheriting the property of his nephew and adopted son. He used a considerable portion of this inheritance in paying off his old debts which had long been outlawed; an example of mercantile honor which needs no comment. North of Stiles & Butman we pass several offices and dwellings; the post office, then still kept by Dea. Wilson; the brick mansion of Mr. Daniel Waldo, in the south part of which was the Worcester Bank with its genial cashier, Mr. Samuel Jennison. Passing the Hathaway tavern, on the site of the present Bay State House, and several houses towards Thomas street, we come to the brick block occupied partly by Levi Lincoln's office, and partly by the drug store of James Green, who entered the store immediately after John W. Lincoln had retired from business; this was in the spring of 1822, and Mr. Lincoln thereafter lived on his farm, at present in possession of John S. Ballard, at Quinsigamond Village. Mr. Lincoln devoted much of his time to public business, holding many offices of trust, all of which he discharged with a zeal, intelligence and fidelity, that have made his name a synonym for every civic virtue. Between Thomas and school streets was A. Gaspard Vottier's confectionary store. Before reaching Vottier's store, next the brick store of James Green & Co., was Dr. Bancroft's house, in the northern part of which Miss Eliza Bancroft had kept her store; at this time she had become the wife of Hon. John Davis. Over the sidewalk opposite School street, was suspended a sign with a hand pointing down School street to Washburn & Goddard's wool carding and lead aqueduct manufactory; this establishment was the germ of the Washburn & Moen wire works. Between School and old Market streets, or what was called the "tan yard" (I distinctly remember the vats there which made traveling unsafe,) was the store of Wm. Manning, Jr., afterwards Heard & Manning, Heard & Estabrook, and Estabrook & Howe; this, known to later generations as the old "Green store," was for many years a popular store, doing an extensive business. Henry M. Sikes and Charles Wheeler's stores, with the intervening dwellings and offices, bring us again to Lincoln square and John P. Kettel's hat store and manufactory.

Mail stages had now been established, and there was one or more each day between Boston and Albany and New York, passing through this town; but at this time the most available method of communication with the other parts of the county was by the post riders, as they were called, who visited Worcester once a week to bring documents to the courts and the registry of deeds, and to carry back the mails and the Spy and the Ægis. These post riders gathered at Hathaway's tavern on Tuesday nights, where, over a mug of flip in winter, or a bowl of punch in warm weather, they told stories of their perils by flood and fire, retailed the news collected on their several routes, and gathered up new treasures of gossip to carry back to their widely scattered customers. On Wednesday evenings they filled their orders for hardware, medicines, dry goods, and the various knick knacks that could not be found at the local stores; with these, and the papers of the week, and the mail, they departed for their homes. The great commercial event of this decade was the opening of the Blackstone Canal, of which Col. Plummer has given us an interesting account; this, as a business enterprise, proved a stupenduous failure, it never having paid a dividend to its stockholders, who considered themselves fortunate in losing only the investment. Of the many business enterprises stimulated by it the only one now extant is the iron store established by Joseph Pratt in 1829, still doing business under the firm name of Pratt & Inman.

In 1830 the population of the town was 1173 and that of the county 84,355, the town showing a gain on the county of 1 per cent. during the preceding thirty years. From this time forward there was a rapid separation of the several departments of business into dry goods, hardware, and groceries. Many new stores were opened within the next five years, devoted to the different branches. Among the more prominent of the dry goods stores may be mentioned the following: H. B. Claflin & Co., whose successors were Hardon, Hunt & Co., and Hardon, Brown & Co., afterwards B. L. Hardon & Co., who finally sold out to Jenkins, Hamilton & Co., with whom the business was discontinued. Mr. Stephen Sawyer, of the firm of Clark, Sawyer & Co., and Mr. C. Willard Hamilton, are the only representatives

of any of these firms remaining in town. Mr. Claflin, the founder of the business, has for many years conducted a successful trade in New York city, and is now at the head of the largest jobbing house on this continent, if not in the world. Richardson & Estabrook opened a store on Lincoln square. After a short time Mr. Richardson engaged in wholesale or jobbing busi- in Boston, and is now at the head of perhaps the largest commission house in Boston, having branches in New York and Philadelphia. It is a peculiarity of most of the commission houses in the former city that the branches come to exceed the parent trunk in magnitude, and either swallow it bodily or illustrate the Dundreary joke of "the tail wagging the dog."

E. & R. Sanger kept a store in the same block with H. B. Claflin & Co., and just north of them Messenger & Dean sold dry goods in the store that had been Dr. Dix's and Jeremiah Robinson's. After they dissolved their connection Mr. Dean moved to Spurr Block on Main street, but shortly afterward went to New York. Mr. Messenger continued business for some years but afterwards sold out, and afterwards devoted himself to the more attractive and more profitable business of dealing in real estate. Lysander C. Clark was for some years a flourishing dealer in dry goods in Paine block. Rawson & Farrar commenced business about this time, and afterwards continued it separately several years. Henry H. Chamberlin commenced business with L. C. Clark in 1831, in Paine's Block; the next year opened the little old store left vacant by the death of Capt. Asa Hamilton, and relinquished his business to Barnard, Sumner & Co., in 1857. This house has for many years occupied a leading position among the dry goods establishments of this city. If their courtesy will allow me the claim of having been the founder of their business, it is only as the acorn is the germ of the spreading tree, and illustrates the adage that "tall oaks from little acorns grow."

In 1840 the population of the town had increased to 4197, and that of the county to 95,318, showing a net gain in the town over the county of 2 2-3 per cent. in ten years, the ratio being 7 2-3 per cent. Among the new dry goods houses was that of Julius L. Clarke subsequently State Auditor and Insurance

Commissioner, he having found the field of politics more successful and congenial than the pursuit of trade. Hall & Thompson also commenced business, to be shortly succeeded by Mr. A. Y. Thompson, who for many years conducted an honorable and successful business. I. H. Upton & Co., Charles A. Upton, Martin Stowe, C. J. Newcomb, H. R. Wetherell, Flagg & Wyman, Clark and Sanford, F. C. Lee and others were in business during the ten years to 1850. Mr. Lee is still in business. Mr. Clark is of the firm of Clark, Sawyer & Co. Mr. Sanford continues the business of the old firm. The others have disappeared.

In 1850 the population of the new city had increased to 17,049, more than doubling in the ten years and attaining to over 13 per cent. of the population of the county, which was 130,789. The history of the dry goods business for the next ten years shows but few changes except such as are recorded above; the new names which appear are those of J. H. Clarke & Co., George P. Bryant & Co., and Henry O. Clark. The first mentioned firm continues in successful business, while the other two have retired from the field. Gross & Strauss and many smaller establishments have, during this period, established a sub-division of the dry goods business, dealing principally in laces, trimmings, and the small wares popularly known as "notions," and have achieved a fair success. J. S. Pinkham, during this period, retiring from the firm of J. H. Carke & Co., had commenced business in Clark's Block, corner of Mechanic street. He was succeeded there by Finlay, Lawson & Kennedy, and the latter by Denholm & McKay, who do a large business at the present time. Mr. Pinkham having removed the carpet business which he still conducts in what was the church of the Universalist Society, it is to be hoped that in dealing with his customers he tempers justice with mercy, in accordance with the faith so long preached within those walls.

In 1860 the population of the city was 21,060, being over 15 per cent. of that of the county, which was 159, 659. There were few additions to the ranks of the dry goods trade during the years of the war. The rapid rise of the prices of merchandise caused the growth of many sudden fortunes, which rapidly dis-

appeared as prices returned to their natural level after the close of the war. The population continued to increase rapidly so that the city numbered in 1870, 41,105, or over 21 per cent. of the county, which was 197,746. The changes in busines and the increase of stores after this period were too numerous to be recorded here, though perhaps no more than the increasing population of the city and county demanded. The easy access to Worcester from all sections of the county by railroad, has concentrated much of the retail trade here, and there is no apparent reason why it should not henceforth keep pace with the increasing business and population of the county.

Of the old business houses whose successors or representatives are still in active business, I give the following list:—

Daniel Waldo, senior, having left Boston on its occupation by the British in 1775, went first to Lancaster, but left there in 1782 and began business here. His son, Daniel Waldo, Jr., succeeded him about 1790, and was himself succeeded by Rice & Miller in 1821. Mr. Henry W. Miller continues the business on the same spot where it was first begun. Should he carry it on for two years more, it will have been established on the same spot for one hundred years. Mr. Miller first entered the store as an apprentice in 1816. An offshoot of this original establishment is also extant in the house of Kinnicut & Co., the late Geo. T. Rice having been one of the successors of Mr. Waldo; he and Mr. Miller separated in 1832, and Messrs. Rice and Kinnicut established the business which has been for many years conducted under the present style. The business of the late John P. Kettell was begun in 1818, and continued for a period of 60 years; although it has now no representative or successor, its long continued and honorable record entitle it to be mentioned in this connection. In 1822 James Green & Co. began business in the store afterwards occupied for some time by their sussessor, George G. Barbank, who has recently removed south, in Richmond's new block. In 1824 the late Albert Brown began business in the store adjoining Dr. Green's house, and was shortly followed by his brothers, William and Theophilus; this business is still continued by William T. Brown, son of the last mentioned, the business having been in the family for 57 years, with

promise of a long succession. In 1826 Asa Walker began business, which is still continued in the family by "Asa Walker's Sons." In 1829 Mr. Joseph Pratt, lured from the forge and the anvil by the specious promises of easy and cheap transportation by the Blackstone canal, opened the iron store for many years carried on by Joseph Pratt & Co., Pratt & Earle, and still continued by the original founder and the Messrs. Inman, under the firm of Pratt & Inman. After Mr. Miller, Mr. Pratt is the oldest merchant, still doing business almost on the very spot where his sign was raised 50 years ago.

In 1875, the last recorded census gives the city of Worcester a population of 49,317, about 23 1-2 per cent. of that of the county, which was 210,295. It is probable that the census of the present year will show the usual per cent. of gain by the city over the county, and it would be strange if this were not so. With most attractive local surroundings, with a population intelligent, industrious, virtuous, and happy; with rare advantages for education, both for the young and the old; it would be strange indeed if Worcester did not continue to draw to this part of the commonwealth, not only the vigorous blood of the county, but also that of regions far beyond the limits of the state; till not only the sons of Vermont and New Hampshire, but those of Connecticut, New York and Maine, should unite in associations to vie with each other in giving new zest to life, and a new impetus to progress in this city of their adoption.

The next regular meeting was held June 1. Vice President Crane, by request of the President, occupied the chair. There were present, Clark Jillson, Crane, Seagrave, Dodge, Paine, Lee, F. P. Rice, Cook, St. John, F. C. Jillson, Lovell, C. C. Baldwin, Esty, H. M. Smith, Sumner, Chamberlin, Tucker, Staples, J. A. Smith, and Lawrence. Wm. A. Smith was

elected an active member of the Society. On motion of Mr. Lovell, a vote of thanks was tendered to Franklin P. Rice for his valuable services in editing and printing the "Early Records of the Town of Worcester." The following vote was then passed:—

Voted, That Franklin P. Rice be, and he is hereby authorized to edit and publish for the Worcester Society of Antiquity, "The Records of the Proprietors of the Town of Worcester," in four parts, to be numbered in their regular order with the publications of the Society.

The matter of visiting the old "French Fort" in Oxford was then discussed, and a letter from Geo. F. Daniels, Esq., touching that subject was read. On motion of Franklin P. Rice, a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Rice, Lee and Shumway, was appointed to make all necessary arrangements in behalf of the Society for a pilgrimage to the "Nipmuck Country" for the purpose of examining the the ruins of the Huguenot settlement made in Oxford in 1686.

This committee attended to their duty with commendable promptness, and at 8 o'clock on the morning of June 5, the "Belle of Worcester" gracefully received a large number of the members of the Society, in front of Bank Block, on Foster street.—The "Belle" and her stylish livery of six horses were in charge of Mr. Charles Cutler. The route led through Auburn town, and is one of the most pleasant drives in the vicinity of Worcester.

On arriving in Oxford the party was joined by Dr. S. C. Paine, Geo. F. Daniels, Esq., and Lieut. Fred. G. Hyde of Oxford, and Dr. F. A. Bosworth of Webster, John Cort of the Webster Times, and others. This locality is in the heart of the Nipmuck Country, which extended as far east as Natick, to the Connecticut river on the west, and was some thirty miles in width. Within its boundaries were some of the best land for cultivation in Massachusetts. Its hills, valleys and streams, were attractive to the Indian tribes; and within its borders might be found one of the largest lakes in the state, as might well be inferred from its former terrific name, Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggagungamaugg, now deprived of its ancient grandeur by the withering abreviation, "Chaubunagungamaug."

After visiting the old burial ground, Memorial Hall and other places of interest, the party made an examination of the upper mill site, where the Huguenots had a grist and wash-leather mill. Traces of the original dam and race-way are plainly to be seen, but the area where the mills were is covered with growing wood. This is an interesting spot,—once busy with the efforts of an industrious company of exiles; noisy with the rush of water and the hum of machinery,—now, after the lapse of nearly two centuries, silent, unobserved, untrodden by the foot of man. While the village and the city have been thriving and expanding year after year, this once busy place has been growing more and more obscure

till the spot where the first manufacturing establishment in this part of the county stood is now covered with a dense forest.

The party then paid a visit to "Saccarappa," a romantic ravine shaded by trees of fifty years' growth, where three quarters of a century ago was a thriving village. A large business was carried on here as early as 1810. Several mills and shops were then in successful operation at this place, among them a scythe factory where David Lilley and Lewis, his son, carried on an extensive business. In 1825, Lewis started for western New York with a load of scythes and was never again heard from. At this place the first cut nails manufactured in this county were made.

Dinner was served at the hotel on the plain, after which the party received some accessions, among whom were Rev. A. B. Emmons, a gentleman of antiquarian taste, a lover of historical research, and Mr. Loriston Shumway, both of Oxford. The "fort" was next examined. This ancient fortification is located on the "Samuel Mayo Farm," now owned by Mr. J. W. Plaisted, of Worcester. From this point may be seen numerous church spires in the surrounding country, with the Quinnebang valley in full view upon one side, upon the other Wachusett Mountain, with Oxford smiling at your feet.

It is supposed that the fort was built of hewn timber, except the foundation walls, which were of stone and still remain in their original position. It was

evidently built as a garrison against the unfriendly Indians, and the only structure of the kind in America. It was 105 feet in length, north and south, 72 feet in width, and built by Gabriel Bernon, the chief man of the settlement. Historians and other persons have claimed that there was a well located on the west side of the fort, but our party uncovered a well on the easterly side, within the enclosure, and the physical efforts of Mr. Henry L. Shumway caused it to be explored to the depth of 6 feet, by taking out the loose stones with which it had been filled. It is built in circular form, and is probably from 15 to 20 feet deep, with numerous relics at the bottom, which the Society proposes to look after in due time. Asparagus, cinnamon roses and grapes, grow among the ruins, probably planted there by the Huguenots. There is a large pile of stones within the walls of the fort which have been placed there by those who have cultivated the surrounding fields, but they constitute no part of the fort. Barber, in his "Historical collections," represents this fort by a pile of stones, which gives a wrong impression to the observer. The walls are not much above the surface of the ground, and it is not known that they were ever constructed of stone any higher. A short distance from this place was the house of the Huguenot pastor, Daniel Bondet, and the eminence upon which it stood is now called Bondet Hill.

The next interesting locality visited was the site of the house of John Johnson, located on the road

from Oxford to Webster, near what is called Johnson Plain. Here three children of Mr. Johnson were murdered by the Indians during their father's absence, he returning just in time to meet the same fate. His wife fled with a babe in her arms to the fort at Woodstock. The spot where this massacre took place is marked by an unhewn stone monument six feet high and eight inches square. On the east side fronting the road is the following inscription, cut by Mr. Geo. F. Daniels, through whose efforts the monument was erected: "J. J. 1696, • • •," and under the above a Tomahawk and Cross, crossed. "A. P. M. 1875." The letters J. J. are the initials of Mr. Johnson's name; 1696 the date of the massacre; the three dots indicate the number of children slain; the Tomahawk and Cross represent Christianity and Barbarism; the letters A. P. M. are the initials of the names of the children,—Andrew, Peter and Mary: 1875 is the date of the erection of the monument. This stone was erected in the presence of a large assembly of the citizens of Oxford and vicinity, August 25, 1875. Johnson was from the county of Stafford, England. His wife was Susan Sigourney, born in France, daughter of Andrew Sigourney, the constable. After the death of Johnson she returned to Boston and married her cousin, Daniel Johonnot, April 18, 1700. She died in Boston April 16, 1727, aged 89 years.

The Humphrey homestead was next visited. This was the residence of Ebenezer Humphrey who

came from Woodstock to Oxford in the days of the Huguenots. It has remained in the family since 1713, and is now owned and occupied by Ebenezer Humphrey of the fourth generation, and is the only homestead in town that remains in the possession of the family of the original owner. The mansion house which is the third upon the site, is shaded by several majestic elms one of which measures 22 feet in circumference. This house is near the site of the Huguenot church and burial place, but no traces of either can now be seen.

The party then returned to the Plain where they partook of a collation served by Mr. Loriston Shumway and family, which added something to the courage of a fortunate company of explorers. The home trip was now in order, and the party, elated with the success of their day's work, passed through North Oxford and Stoneville, reaching the City Hall while the Old South clock was striking 8 P. M.

July 6, 1880, the Society met at their rooms, the President in the chair. The Librarian made his monthly report. The President alluded to the Oxford excursion, and to the inspiration that seemed to linger with some of the members since their return. As a specimen of the unretainable melody of one of the excursionists, Mr. E. F. Thompson read a Poem written by Mr. Henry M. Smith, relating to the Oxford pilgrimage. This Poem is well worthy of perusal, and was highly commended by Rev. Geo. Allen who was present when it was read.

A RIDE TO NIPMUCK LAND.

BY HENRY M. SMITH.

The morning frowned, the sullen clouds swept low
In gloomy hint, our trip we must forego.
The weather seer in most ambiguous vein
Told falling mercury and areas of rain.
Close in the misty east the church vanes clung,
And on all sides the weather warnings rung.
But not all these prevailed to bid us stand
Nor venture on our tour to Nipmuck land;
Prompt all on board our Jehu drew not rein
Until we stood elate, on Oxford Plain.
Short there our pause. The Nipmuck Sachem came,
His native region, Daniels is his name.
Sachem and wizard, wise in annals old,
Which all the past of Nipmuck land enfold.
He knew it all: was chum with pere Bondet,
And many Nipmuck Sachems earlier yet;
Familiar he with fertile fair Manchaug,
Wabquasset and Chaubunagungamaug,
Met saintly Eliot often on his rounds
To new disciples of "The praying towns,"
And with him wept when Philip's fiery brand
Sent grief and havoc through the Nipmuck land,
And half fledged converts, full of rage and rum,
Took to the woods with Wattacompanum;

Lived on familiar terms with Huguenots
When Nipmuck region knew their pleasant spots;
Knew them by name, and many visits paid
To house and mill, on hillside and in glade,
Each date and annal caught with skillful "mem."
And if they knew him not, the worse for them.
Weird Nipmuck land, in this prosaic age,
When cares of business all our souls engage;
When bank and office, factory, shop and mill,
Hold us their slaves obedient to their will,
Welcome the rare occasion's offered rest,
To con awhile the strange old palimpsest,
Whose pages on our neighboring borders stand
Spread on the hills and vales of Nipmuck land.

A choice New England village, white and neat,
Strung for a mile along a wide, straight street.
From shaded yards New England homes look out,
New England farmsteads crown the hills about;
Hill side and meadow dressed in living green,
A sun and sky of June make fair the scene.
By this you note Old Prob. had lost the day,
The morning gloom and mist had passed away,
And glad in sunshine still we think with pain
Of those who lost the trip through fear of rain,
Whose shattered promise must be rendered thus—
Falsus in uno, false *in omnibus*.

But to our task; our wizard from his scrolls
Along two hundred years the past unrolls.
At his weird touch the village disappears,
We see the Nipmuck land of former years;
He shows the wilderness as it stood that day,
One slender foot path led to Boston Bay;
Instead of stage route or the speedy rail
We trace the dim and silent forest trail,
The old Bay Path along which early came
The pilgrim pioneer, sire and patient dame,
Slow plodding forward on the panniered steed,

Picking their toilsome way with anxious heed.
The careful sire with fire-lock well in hand.
Alert for what might lurk in Nipmuck land.
The first thin streamlets of the tide that pressed
Responsive to the first command, "go West."

And now our wizard bids for us advance
The sad, brave pilgrims, fresh from sunny France:
Skilled hands, stout hearts, unnerved by adverse fate,
Glad to escape the tireless bigot's hate,
The pious souls that hither came to dwell,
Leaving their vine clad hills of New Rochelle.
Here was their mill, two centuries aback
This glade re-echoed to their mill wheels' clack:
These verdure covered slopes and mead beyond
Pent once the waters of their little pond:
This low browed wall, its stones still firm in line,
The boundaries yet of dam and flume confine.
Though near two hundred Junes have passed away
Since here the master of the mill bore sway.
The humble ruins kindly Nature guards,
With sentinel trees and masking shrubs she wards
From harm and careless foot the ancient shrine,
From all except such loving eyes as thine
O wizard, and who on thy skillful track
Would trace the storied page of Nipmuck back.
Again the road, our trampling steeds again,
At Saccarappa soon we draw the rein,
Pondering awhile the crazy wall and flume
In dells the blossoms of the Spring perfume,
Where men whose tasks in days our grandsires knew,
Nourished the germs from whence our factories grew.

Who told the first fish story? and his name
Who wrought the craft of gentle Walton shame?
Making the phrase the symbol widely known
For truth, with falsehood boldly overgrown?
Not thou of Saccarappa, quaint and queer,
Perched by thy pond, proud of thy fishing gear,

But should the guild of fishy chronicles fail,
Thou could'st renew it with a fishy tale.
How has thy marvel grown since first essayed
In harmless gossip of the angler's trade,
From scores to hundreds, hundreds thousands grew,
From pounds to hundred weights, still all too few,
Thy fisher's miracle may stand at last
A ton of Horn Pouts from a single cast!

An hour we ride, a loftier height we scale,
Widely the pleased eye sweeps the pleasing vale;
Our wizard waves his wand above the grass
As o'er the verdure of the field we pass,
And lo, new meaning haunts each low swept line
As we the secret of each shallow pit divine.
Here came the Huguenot with axe and spade,
And for his tender folk a stronghold made,
What time the Nipmucks hung upon their track,
And Nipmuck hillsides gave the answer back.

A clash of steel, the centuries roll away,
We see the hamlet as it stood that day,
The homesteads smiling in the intervale,
The hum of labor rising on the gale,
A pleasant land of milk and corn and wine,
At door and window rich with clinging vine
The joyous children play with laugh and shout,
And white capped matrons from their cares look out,
And there among the roses and the vines
Fond Gabriels woo their sweet Evangelines.
There stands the pastor's house on Bondet Hill,
And just beyond the humble church and mill,
And over all June's scented breezes blow
Just as they passed two hundred years ago.
A clash of steel, the scene is changed, from far
Come hideous presages of savage war;
From field and cabin, shop and busy mill,
The breathless villagers climb the fortress hill;
Pale mothers frantic, shrieking children clasp,

Stout sires and sons firelock and sabre grasp;
Not theirs a coward race who late in war
Joyed to behold the white plume of Navarre;
Not theirs to cower at the Nipmuck's yell
Who wept but blenched not when Coligny fell,
But theirs to sing, as of the bravest sort,
Two centuries before Sankey—"Hold the Fort."

A clash of steel more loud, our reverie broke,
And all the vision vanishes like smoke.
That clash no note by hostile weapons made,
No din of flight, but Shumway's busy spade;
We dig with eager haste the sward away,
Toss out loose pebbles to the light of day,
Reveal rude stonework swept in circle round,
And lo, good Gabriel Bernon's well is found.

What more success, what fresh discoveries given,
What treasures unearthed to the light of heaven;
Some silver tankard, trinket rare, or gem?
Plain, simple folk, such gear was not for them,
The pearl of price brought with them to this strand,
Went upward with them to the better land.
But from the clinging mould a fragment see,
A crumbling bit of humblest pottery.
The inch long moiety of an earthern dish
That held their frugal meal of samp or fish.
A shattered flagon's long forgotten tip;
A rim of glass ware that some maiden's lip
Has kissed, perchance, as laughingly she quaffed
From this old well her luscious morning draught;
These slender tokens help to bind the spell
As we in silence gather 'round the well.

By this the levelled lances of the sun
Athwart the vale told his day's journey done;
The landscape gilded with his setting ray
Fair as a poet's vision stretched away;
From distant slopes far village spires look down,

And nestled in the vale lay Oxford town.
The spirit of its beauty on us fell,
We bid adieu to Gabriel Bernon's well.

We pause upon our homeward route awhile
Where kindly hands have raised a simple pile—
Enduring granite, centuries to remain
And mark the massacre on Johnson's Plain.
'Twas here the long watched war-bolt fell;
This spot re-echoed to the savage yell,
Like lightning stroke the demon work was o'er,
A slaughtered household weltering in their gore.
This was the last. Exposed to Nipmuck hate,
They left these vales,still chased by adverse fate.
They sought new homes and shelter, far and near,
And histoy lost them when they vanished here.

Not lost were they; such lives are never lost,
Though for a while distressed and tempest tossed.
The fountain spills its treasures o'er the brink
They waste; into the thirsty earth they sink.
They are not lost, in other fountains rise
Or shine sun-woven with the rainbow's dyes.
No better strain our country's life-blood shows
Than that which from these Gallic strangers flows,
And many an honored name and cherished spot
Preserve the memory of the Huguenot.

The thanks of the Society were tendered Mr. C. B. Tillinghast of the State Library for his valuable donation of 13 volumes of Election Sermons, from 1750 to 1880, inclusive. Remarks were made by Rev. Geo. Allen, Gen. A. B. R. Sprague, Wm. A. Smith, and Samuel E. Staples.

The next regular meeting was held Sept 7th, 1880, the President and both Vice-Presidents being absent. The meeting was called to order by the Secretary, and on motion of F. P. Rice, Samuel E. Staples was elected President *pro tem.* Frank J. Kinney was elected to active membership. There were present, Messrs. Staples, Seagrave, F. P. Rice, Comins, Marshall, Lawrence, F. C. Jillson, Cook, Esty, James, A. Smith and Rev. George Allen. At this meeting the Society passed the following vote:—

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed by the President, of which he shall, *ex officio*, be chairman, whose duty it shall be to contract for, edit and superintend the publication of the Proceedings of the Society for the current year, together with all matter that may be referred to them for that purpose; to determine what publications shall be consolidated and denominated "Collections of The Worcester Society of Antiquity," and to prepare a title page and index, and otherwise edit the work, which shall be printed for the benefit of the members, and to furnish other organizations and individuals having these publications, at such reasonable price as the judgment of the committee may express; and when the Proceedings of 1880 shall have been issued, the same committee are hereby authorized to secure the binding of a limited number of sets, to be entitled as above—Collections of The Worcester Society of Antiquity.

Remarks were made by Rev. Geo. Allen, E. I. Comins and J. L. Esty. A large donation of public documents was received from Hon. Henry B. Peirce, Secretary of the Commonwealth, also, a donation of books from Mrs. Francis Stiles, Jr., of Leicester. On motion of Mr. F. P. Rice, Albert Tolman Esq. was invited to read a paper at the next regular meeting. Adjourned.

The next regular meeting was held Oct. 5, 1880, the President in the chair. Present, Messrs. Clark Jillson, Crane, Staples, Lovell, H. M. Smith, Chamberlin, F. P. Rice, Cook, Kinney, F. C. Jillson, Harlow, Esty, Lee, J. A. Smith, Lawrence, Seagrave, and by invitation, Mr. Joseph Lovell. Mr. Crane read an interesting and valuable paper on "Heraldic Coats of Arms." Under the vote passed at the last meeting, the President appointed Messrs. Samuel E. Staples, Henry M. Smith and Franklin P. Rice, as a committee to edit and superintend the publishing of the Proceedings, and carry out all the requirements of said vote. The thanks of the Society were tendered Mr. Crane for his instructive paper read at this meeting. The meeting was then adjourned.

Nov. 2, 1880, the President in the chair. Present, Messrs. Clark Jillson, Crane, Staples, F. P. Rice, C. R. Johnson, Shumway, Dickinson, Roe, Lawrence, Dodge, Cook, Lee and Seagrave. Hon. James H. Phelps, of West Townshend Vt., was elected an Honorary member; and Rev. Thomas E. St. John of Auburn, N. Y., a corresponding member.

Mr. Crane gave an account of his visit, in company with the President, to the city of Baltimore, in response to a polite invitation from the Maryland Historical Society, to attend the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration of Baltimore, and the exercises and Banquet of said Society, at Music Hall, Tuesday Oct. 12, 1880. These representatives of our Society found Baltimore, the rooms of the Historical Society, and Music Hall, and their Complimentary tickets entitled them to a back seat in the third tier. They read in the morning papers, of Oct. 13, about the Banquet.

It appeared that the fraternal greetings hinted at in the card of invitation, did not apply to those who were to the trouble or expense of being present, and officers of Historical Societies, Literary Institutions, and those occupying high official positions in State and Nation, though specially invited, were entertaining themselves at the crowded hotels, unnoticed.

The representatives of our Society found ample amusement in this method of treating invited guests to this kind of go-as-you-please hospitality, and without much deliberation concluded that it might have been hereditary as well as local.

Mr. Charles R. Johnson suggested the importance of collecting and preserving all printed matter relating to the present State and National political campaign, now just closed. On motion of Mr. Crane, a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Stephen Salisbury, Jr., for his donation of the North American Review as issued. Adjourned.

The Annual meeting was held Dec. 7th, the President in the chair. Present, Clark Jillson, Crane, H. M. Smith, Kinney, Shumway, Scott, Dickinson, W. A. Smith, Sumner, Esty, Cook, F. P. Rice, Stone, Marshall, J. A. Smith, C. C. Baldwin, Tucker, Staples, Lee, Lovell, Dodge, Paine, W. H. Bartlett, Roe, Merriam, C. R. Johnson and Seagrave.

Letters were read from Rev. T. E. St. John, of Auburn, N. Y., G. L. Faxon, of Spencer, Mass., Wm. S. Barton Esq., of Worcester, Charles. Adams Jr., of North Brookfield, and George Sheldon of Deerfield. Mr. Crane read extracts from a letter he had received from Col. John L. Vivian, of London, England. The Treasurer and Librarian made their annual Reports. Mr. Crane reported for the Department of Local History and Genealogy, and also made a statement of the financial condition of the Society, and it was voted that the annual assessment be $3 for each active member. The President made a few remarks relating to the prosperity of the Society, and concluded by declining a re-election. The Secretary also declined re-election, he having served from the the time the Society was first instituted, covering a period of nearly six years.

The following officers were elected: President, Ellery B. Crane; 1st Vice President, Albert Curtis; 2d Vice President, Albert Tolman; Secretary, Samuel E. Staples; Treasurer, James A. Smith; Librarian, Albert A. Lovell: Standing Committee for 3 years, Edward R. Lawrence.

Mr. Staples called attention to the anniversary of the death of John Brown, and thereupon read a poem written by Hon. Clark Jillson in 1859, entitled "The Hero of Harper's Ferry," as follows:—

THE HERO OF HARPER'S FERRY.

The hero of the present age,
An old man worn with toil,
To-day must share a martyr's fate
On Freedom's boasted soil.
The Old Dominion cries for blood,
But trembles while she cries,
For fear her chains will break and fall
When the noble martyr dies.

The deed for which he stands accused
Is not a crime to me;
I honor and revere the man
Who sets the captive free;
And feel that God will own and bless,
In spite of human laws,
All those who battle manfully
In Freedom's holy cause.

John Brown may on the scaffold die,
Like Jesus on the Cross,
And Old Virginia laud the act,
While Freedom mourns her loss;
But his proud spirit still is free
To guide and guard the brave—
To keep the torch of conflict bright
While the South contains a slave.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 2, 1859.

Remarks relating to the subject of the poem were made by Messrs. H. M. Smith, Lovell, Crane, Roe, and Shumway. Messrs. Lovell, Crane, and Dodge were appointed to ascertain at what cost the adjoining room could be obtained for the use of the Society. Adjourned for two weeks.

The adjourned annual meeting was held Dec. 21, the President in the chair. Present, Clark Jillson, Crane, Staples, F. P. Rice, Shumway, Lovell, F. C. Jillson, Cook, Marshall, E. H. Thompson, Lee, Stone, Comins, Scott, Roe, J. A. Smith, Dr. Chandler, and Seagrave. Mr. Lovell reported that our present room with the one adjoining could be secured at an annual rental of $200. On motion of Mr. Crane it was voted that the committee ascertain what rooms could be obtained for elsewhere and report. The Chairmen of the Departments who had not reported were authorized to report in print. The Secretary then read a letter from the Hon. George Sheldon, of Deerfield, Mass., with the accompanying paper.

DEERFIELD, DEC. 6, 1880.

DANIEL SEAGRAVE, Secretary,

My dear sir;—Thanks for the invitation to the meeting of The Worcester Society of Antiquity. It would give me great pleasure to meet the band of workers who will be there gathered; but as this cannot be, I send as my substitute, an article on local and general history, which has cost me some labor and afforded me some satisfaction, and which I hope may be of some interest to your Society.

Yours very truly,

GEO. SHELDON.

WHO TOOK TICONDEROGA?

BY GEORGE SHELDON.

"Who took Ticonderoga?" asks B. F. DeCosta, in the Galaxy Magazine for December, 1868. In reply to his own query, he attempts to prove that the glory of that achievement should be divided between Benedict Arnold—of infamous memory—and John Brown Esq., of Pittsfield. As a central extinguisher was put over the "new light" of DeCosta, by Gov. Hiland Hall, in a paper read before the Vermont Historical Society, in 1869; and soon after, Hon. L. E. Chittenden, in an exhaustive paper on the subject, answered the question of DeCosta in such a manner, that the "new school" historian will hardly need to repeat it.

Still, however, there are unsettled questions concerning the expedition for the capture of "Old Ti.," in 1775, and every scrap of information bearing upon them should have a permanent record. One question, the whereabouts of Arnold from the third of May when he was commissioned Colonel by the Committee of Safety, at Watertown, with authority to raise 100 men in western Massachusetts, for the capture of Ticonderoga, until his appearance at Rupert, Vermont, May 8th, has been the subject of much speculation and controversy. This hiatus in the chronology of the events connected with this affair, can now be filled.

Col. Thomas W. Dickinson, of Deerfield, who died in 1835, left important papers which have recently been brought to light by his great granddaughter, Miss Celestina Campbell, of Deerfield. From these we learn that Arnold was in consultation with

the Committee of Safety on the 4th day of May respecting supplies for the men he was to raise, and that on this day, a commission was issued to Thomas W. Dickinson, of Deerfield, as Deputy Commissary, with particular instructions to furnish 15000 pounds of beef for the force that might be engaged in the expedition against Ticonderoga. Two days later, on the 6th of May, Mr. Dickinson was surprised by recieving a message from Col. Arnold, requesting an interview at the tavern of Maj. Salah Barnard, at Deerfield. Here Arnold delivered him his commission, asking him to accept the service. At the close of the consultation, Arnold stepped to the cupboard—still to be seen—drew out a shelf and took down a decanter of spirits. After taking a social glass and giving final instructions to his subordinate, Arnold departed. He was now 100 miles on the road towards Ticonderoga, and doubtless pushed on over the mountain direct.

The Commissary went about his new duties with such zeal and energy that he was on the road to Ticonderoga with a drove of cattle the next morning, with his young brother, Consider, as his assistant. "On the following Friday" says Mr. Dickinson, "I arrived at a point in the present county of Rutland, where I was met by Col. Mott, Eason, [Easton] and Capt. Phelps, returning from the capture of the Fort; and on the same day [May 12] recieved an order from Col. Arnold, to put in pasture all but four of the most active cattle, and to send the latter on by some baggage wagons which were then going to the garrison." These wagons may have belonged to the recruits from Pittsfield, who reached the Fortress on the 13th of May.

It now seems easy to understand the plans of Arnold, and follow his footsteps. He reached Cambridge from New Haven about the 29th of April, full of the scheme of capturing "Old Ti." which he had ascertained was in an almost defenceless condition. Until May 4th he was in conference with the Committee of Safety as to ways and means of success. David Field, of Deerfield, a member of the committee, who was well acquainted with the western part of the Colony, its geography and its resources, would naturally be consulted by Arnold as to the best route to the place of operations, and the most expeditious way of getting supplies. As naturally, Col. Field would select his newly made

son-in-law, Thomas W. Dickinson, knowing him to be an ardent Whig, trusty and energetic, as Commissary. May 6th, Arnold as we have seen was at Deerfield, half way to the Lake. Two days later he was at Rupert, Vermont, whence he wrote to "The Gentlemen of the Southern Towns, [of Berkshire] to send on men with arms, ammunition and blankets; that he had "engaged, and on the road, provision enough for 500 men for six weeks."

Up to this time no evidence appears of any attempt on the part of Arnold, to raise a single man for the service, apart from the Commissary. At Rupert he must have learned that the party from Connecticut, and the Green Mountain Boys with Allen and Warner, were in advance of him, marching towards Ticonderoga, after which he made his first attempt at recruiting.

He could *not* have gone to Stockbridge and Pittsfield to raise men as his friends have claimed. He must have been at Rupert *early in the day* of the 8th, for his messenger from there with his letter, reached Pittsfield, about 60 miles distant, early enough for orders to be issued, 18 men drafted from each company in the regiment, the men fitted out and on the march sometime the next day, May 9th. Nothing short of uncommon dispatch could have accomplished this in so short a time as two whole days.

As we have seen, Arnold was at Watertown May 4th, at Deerfield the 6th. Leaving there the same day, it required rapid travelling to climb Hoosac Mountain, and reach Rupert on the morning of the 8th, a distance of about 90 miles, nearly the whole way through a rough, unsettled country.

From Rupert Arnold followed the soldiers to Castleton, arriving in the evening after the plans for taking the Fort had been made and part of the forces put in motion for their execution. Here Arnold showed his Commission, and by virtue of it demanded the command of the expedition. Little respect was shown to his claim by the officers, while the men flatly refused to serve unless under their chosen leader, Ethan Allen.

We will follow Arnold no further, but give a brief account of the career of the young Commissary, so suddenly launched on the stormy seas of the Revolution. Thomas Wells Dickinson, son of Capt. Thomas Dickinson was born at Hatfield, June 11,

1751, and named for his great grandfather, Thomas Wells, whose commission as Lieut. for Deerfield, signed by Gov. Andross, in 1686, is in the archives of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association. His grandmother, a daughter of Lieut. Wells was tomahawked and scalped by the Indians, at Deerfield, in 1693, at the age of eight years. She barely survived the terrible infliction, but recovered after years of suffering. He married Jan. 25, 1775, Thankful, daughter of David Field who, as we have seen, was a member of the Massachusetts Provincial Congress.

After delivering the oxen to the order of Gen. Arnold as above, Mr. Dickinson went immediately to Watertown where Congress was then in session. On applying to the Committee of Safety for money to pay for the beef he had bought, he was referred to the Committee on Supplies. From them he received $750, the exact sum he had paid for the oxen, but nothing for time or expenses. He continued in this business until December, 1776, under Commissary Joseph Trumbull, buying cattle for the Army, and delivering them at Hatfield. "At this time" says Mr. Dickinson "I received a letter from Jeremiah Wardsworth, of Hartford, the Commissary General, to repair immediately to that place. I reached there the next day, and there met Gen. Wardsworth and Gen. Epaphroditus Champion; they said to me with tears in their eyes, that unless I could do something extraordinary in my quarter, in one fortnight, Gen. Washington would be obliged to leave the field." This was the darkest period in the revolution; Washington had been driven from the Jerseys, his army reduced to less than 5000 men, and it seemed that by one more move Cornwallis could annihilate it. In this crisis, the energy and patriotism of Mr. Dickinson went far towards saving the American cause. He told Gen. Wardsworth that, although he had not received one penny for his time or expenses, since he began to buy beef for Col. Arnold, he "would do what he could," and in two weeks he delivered one hundred head of cattle to the order of the Commissary General, at Hatfield. In this service he labored until July 1, 1777, when he volunteered as a soldier on the alarm occasioned by the invasion of Burgoyne. "On the 7th of July joined the regt. of Col. Seth Murray, mustered and organized at Charlemont; marched in that corps to the vicinity

of Fort Edward on the Hudson, and there met Gen. St. Clair, on the retreat; moved down the Hudson to Stillwater; camped for some days meantime, both at Moses' Creek and Saratoga Meadows." He served about six weeks on this turn, and eleven days in October following. He was now to serve under his first commander, although in different capacity. July 9, 1780, he was commissioned 1st Lieut. in Isaac Newton's Company Col. Murray's Regiment, and stationed at West Point. On the march thither, he was detailed to pursue a deputy Forage Master, who had stolen, and was driving a lot of cattle to the enemy. The movement was successful, and the cattle recovered.

Lieut. Dickinson was at West Point on the morning of Sept. 26, and heard read on parade, *perhaps* from the very Orderly Book now owned by the P. V. M. Association, the startling announcement, that "TREASON *of the* BLACKEST DIE *was yesterday discovered!* Gen. Arnold, who commanded at West Point, lost to every sentiment of honor, of private and public obligation, was about to deliver that important post into the hands of the enemy." He was also on duty when General Washington arrived from Hartford, a few days later.

At the close of the war Mr. Dickinson settled in Deerfield, where he became a large and prosperous farmer, and took a leading part in the affairs of the town. He had been a Captain of a military company in Deerfield, in 1776. He was commissioned Major by Gov. Hancock, May 22, 1778, and was Lieut. Colonel June 19, 1794, which commission he resigned Sept. 16, 1799. Of his nine children, all born in Deerfield, Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson was the one most widely known. Col Dickinson died March 16, 1835; his wife Jan. 21, the year following.

DEERFIELD DEC. 6, 1880.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Sheldon, and his paper referred to the committee on publication.

Mr. Staples declined to serve as Secretary, and Henry L. Shumway was thereupon elected.

Mr. Staples called the attention of the Society to the 260th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims, and read a portion of Rev. John Pierpont's poem, entitled, "The Pilgrim Fathers." Mr. Lovell made some very interesting remarks in relation to the character of the Pilgrims, claiming that their influence is still felt throughout the country. Mr. E. H. Thompson was called upon and made brief remarks. The last meeting for 1880 was then closed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SPENCER, MASS. OCT. 13, 1880.

DANIEL SEAGRAVE Esq., Sec. Worcester Society of Antiquity;

Dear sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 11th inst., informing me of my election as Corresponding member of your Society. I thank the Society most sincerely for this mark of respect, and for the opportunity of sharing with its members those labors of research which are so agreeable to me. I shall be pleased to attend your meetings, when possible, and to do everything in my power to promote the interests of the organization.

Very respectfully yours,

G. L. FAXON.

NORTH BROOKFIELD, NOV. 12, 1880.

DANIEL SEAGRAVE Esq., Secretary,
Worcester Society of Antiquity,
Worcester, Mass.

Dear sir:—I had the honor to be chosen a Corresponding member of your Society more than a year ago, but, having contributed nothing to its collections, literary or otherwise, perhaps I am outlawed as a corresponding member. However, I have ventured to forward by express, to the address of your Librarian, the following:

1. Two volumes on the long since exploded science, so called, of Astrology.

2. A small volume by John Bunyan, entitled "Sighs from Hell;" very rare, I should hope. It is probably one of his productions written by him while in Bedford jail, and which are "now deservedly consigned to oblivion."

3. "Twentieth anniversary sermon, by Rev. A. P. Perkins, at Ware, Mass. Dec. 5, 1875."

4. "The Carnival of Crime, a Sermon, by Rev. J. M. Manning, Pastor of the Old South Church, Boston, June 6, 1875."

5. "A Sermon preached at Brookfield, on the last day of the year 1775, by Nathan Fiske, A. M." This sermon has furnished the basis of all discourses on the subject of the Indian troubles in Brookfield, that have been written since that date, so far as I have seen them.

6. "An Oration, delivered by Gen. Francis A. Walker, at the Soldiers Monument Dedication, in North Brookfield, Jan. 19, 1880; also, the Addresses of His Excellency, Wm. Claflin, Gen. Chas. Devens, and others; with a brief account of the Celebration."

Trusting the above, if not valuable, may not be wholly unacceptable, I am,

Yours very respectfully,

CHARLES ADAMS JR.

AUBURN, N. Y. Nov. 15, 1880.

Dear sir:—Yours of the 9th inst. informing me of the action of The Worcester Society of Antiquity in electing me a Corresponding member is received. Please extend my thanks to the President and members of the Society for the honor conferred, with the assurance that I shall be happy to send them, at no very distant date, something in regard to the early history of this city, and the circumstances attending its settlement and subsequent growth.

I am very truly yours,

T. E. ST. JOHN.

Daniel Seagrave Esq., Sec. Wor. Soc. Antiquity.

AUBURN, N. Y., Nov. 27, 1880.

MY DEAR SEAGRAVE:—I have the pleasure of transmitting to The Worcester Society of Antiquity, through you, the first Annual Report of the Cayuga County Historical Society, together with a copy of one of their first publications—"The Hardenbergh Journal" of Sullivan's campaign against the Indians during the Revolution. This Society is devoting itself at present to historical research among the archives of Cayuga County, and endeavoring

to preserve a record of the men and means by which their own City and County have reached their present degree of prosperity.

I was at the last meeting of the Society, and received a very cordial welcome. It is composed of men of influence and high standing in the community who are interested in the work. Papers have been read on the growth of the manufacturing interests, the financial history of the city, the early Indian settlers, the temperance movement, and at the next meeting a paper is to be read on the Inventors of Auburn. They expect to have a paper at each meeting, and have been successful therein so far in their history.

Col. Hardenbergh, whose journal I send you, was the first white settler in this region, and the place was called "Hardenberg's Corners," it being a part of the town of Aurelius until the year 1805, when, on the removal of the county seat from Aurora to this place, it took the name of Auburn. It is said that the name was given by one of Goldsmith's admirers, who really believed that this was indeed "the loviest village of the plain."

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours.

T. E. St. JOHN.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

REPORT ON ARCHÆOLOGY AND GENERAL HISTORY.

This Department can report no especial progress during the past year. Some books and pamphlets on the general subject of archæology have been added to the Library, and our collection of Indian relics has increased, but hardly anything has been accomplished in the way of original research. Perhaps, however, as much has been done in this direction as could be expected considering the limited means at our command.

It is gratifying to know that other organizations more favored in this particular are vigorously pushing the work of investigation. The most important of these in this country are the Smithsonian Institution, the Peabody Museum of American Archæology and Ethnology, and the Archæological Institute of America. The two former institutions are well known to all students of archæology, and the latter seems destined to be not less famous, though of very recent origin, being in fact less than two years old, this society has already sent out one expedition for the purpose of scientific study, and is now preparing another. Much may be expected from such an enterprising institution. It is also worthy of note in this place that our national government is furnishing important aids to archæological research in certain parts of the country, particularly the West, by means of the surveys and explorations annually carried on under the direction of experienced and skilful engineers.

While so many and so important agencies are operating in furtherance of archæological investigation we may derive some satisfaction from the thought that our own absence from the field of labor will hardly be missed. This should not, however, cause us to sink into lethargy, but on the contrary, it should stimulate us to greater activity, in order that we may if possible make our existence felt in the near future.

The suggestion made in my last report in regard to the desirability of our gathering material relating to political history has been fruitful in results. A large collection of pamphlets having reference to the recent presidential campaign has been added to the library, as well as a number of documents referring to previous elections. Several bound volumes have also been received, and sets of ballots used at the last election have been contributed from various quarters. If contributions continue in the same proportion in the future as they have in the past, the historical branch of this Department will soon completely surpass the archæological branch in the importance of its collection.

It is much to be hoped that the present year will witness an increased general interest in the department work; that each member will exert himself to do all he can to help on the cause; and that we may be able at the end of another twelve months to report some real progress.

CHARLES R. JOHNSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY.

As Chairman of the Department of Local History and Genealogy I feel that it is hardly necessary at this time to make a report in writing, and were it not that the rules of this organization require it, I should let it pass by, leaving the rich ripened fruit of the department to form its own exhibit. I can, however, with pleasure, call your attention anew to some of the work that has been going on during the past year. Certainly this department has not been inactive, for more work has been accomplished in the way of preserving and publishing items of local significance than we at one time dared to hope for.

Several members of the Society have made most enjoyable trips to the neighboring town of Oxford, for the purpose of collecting additional items relating ta the Huguenot settlement, in that town in 1686. This work has not been completed, and another excursion to that point will be looked forward to with great interest. The very valuable historical paper, consisting of reminiscences of the dry goods trade in Worcester, prepared by Mr. Henry H. Chamberlin and read by him before this Society, May 4th, is a desirable acquisition to our stock of local history, especially valuable because of its relation to the enterprise and industry of many of the prominent and successful business men of Worcester. Other members of the Department have been some time at work on other subjects, but owing to more pressing duties have not been able to complete anything as yet, but we hope to hear from them at no very distant day. The effort for collecting such items of local interest as may be found in print, and preserving them in the form of scrap-book for the benefit of the Society, is still in active progress.

But the most important work to be mentioned, and one of extraordinary merit, is the printing of Nos. 6 & 8 of our Publications, the Early Records of the Town of Worcester," comprising Books 1 & 2 of the original records of the town, beginning May, 1722, and ending May, 1753. This work, including indexes, covers 287 octavo pages, and is a verbatim production of the

original document; also Nos. 9 & 10 being parts 1 & 2 of the Proprietor's Records, which begin much earlier, the first date being 1667, and the last one given in part 2 being May 2, 1719. The last named numbers cover 152 octavo pages, and are full of diagrams illustrating the shape of almost every lot described in the work. It is the intention to extend the work to the year 1788. This work alone is of immeasurable value, and would do honor to any kindred organization in the country. It is earnestly hoped that Mr. Rice may be encouraged to complete the worthy task he has undertaken, that we may have a full printed record of the town of Worcester, including the Proprietor's Records, at least up to the year 1800. The very neat, attractive and thorough workman-like manner in which Mr. Rice puts forth his work is highly creditable both to himself and the Society.

Comparatively few institutions like our own, with no greater resources, could accomplish more, and many of them with greater advantages have done far less. Our success thus far has been in having the right men in the right places, and the noble work goes on.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLERY B. CRANE, Chairman.

Original Manuscripts, written previous to the discovery of printing, having any intrinsic value in themselves, by reason of their literary merit or historical significance, should not only be preserved with the greatest care, in their original form, but either printed as the Early Records of Worcester have been, or neatly copied into books procured for that purpose. Such copies will become exceedingly valuable in case the original is destroyed or lost, though never as valuable as the document itself, for the reason that original papers possess a value not perceived by ordinary observers. They not only represent and express the thought of the author, but every word and letter is but the shadow of an identity belonging only to him who stood between it and the light that inspired the words thus recorded. But the copying or printing of a written document, however important it may be, is absolutely mechanical, and may be performed by those who cannot comprehend its meaning; but great thoughts, clothed in words adequate to transmit the varying shades of genius to minds less cultivated, standing as they were first traced and represented by the author, are always worthy of respect and admiration.

It is evidently the duty of the members of the Department I represent, to collect and preserve all historical manuscript that may rightfully come into their possession for such purpose, and to copy those of rare quality belonging to others. A few words from some memorandum book will frequently make clear pages of doubt, and explode theories long since crystalized into common belief. The historian is always troubled with an overflow of aggressive tradition, clamoring for adoption with such a degree of plausibility as to mislead many an able writer.

There is nothing more satisfactory to the student of local history than to find some rare manuscript explanatory of occurrences about which traditions fail to agree; and we can perform no more acceptable service than that of verifying all historical matter with which we deal, by some original record.

CLARK JILLSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON RELICS, COINS AND CURIOSITIES.

The report of your committee on relics, coins and curiosities, may seem rather meagre in detail, but we are still in existence, and from time to time receiving additions to our stock on hand, from various sources. Since our last report we see a goodly list of articles pertaining to this department, and already flatter ourselves that in our collection there is much of particular and valuable interest not only to us, but many things which will furnish available information to the present and succeeding generations. Not alone do our own members perseveringly accumulate and add to our possessions, but we know that many friends outside of this Society have culled over the castaway rubbish of garrets and store rooms, selecting from their libraries and making research in desks and drawers to glean something for our cabinet, all of whom have our hearty thanks for such efforts and contributions. We already realize that this department in a society like our own, is one in which the antiquarian will at once take an interest, and we believe we have proof that there is need of just such a repository as we design to make of this. If the saying is true that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," we may safely assert that in some future day the thinking scholar will turn his wearied mind from the books in our library to these same relics and curiosities, and in studying them he will find much of pleasure and profit; they will tell him much of the busy working life of those who have posessed and used these curious articles, each of which has had its specific purpose. In this collection we find there is much pertaining to the gone by life and habits of the former residents of our own locality, telling by the rudeness of design and finish the peculiarities of the circumstances and ingenuity of the designers and manufacturers. These various articles, seemingly of small consequence in themselves, have sometimes a value which nothing else posesses, in forming the connecting links in the chain of progressive art, need and application. The old plow and loom of our forefathers, when placed side by side on exhibition with those of modern invention

and use, tell their own story of the uneducated labors of the genius who fashioned them; and it speaks in a voice of encouragement to the youth of our own time, to improve their minds and time, so that the fruits of their manly labors will show to those who shall come after them that they have made an advancement in conformity to their advantages.

We ourselves look with interest upon these coins, relics and curiosities, which have accumulated in our cabinet, as the castaway property of a past and passing generation, and we are confident as the years roll by there will cluster around this museum, thinking, studious minds who will appreciate our energy and endeavors in that direction. The old Scotch adage, "mony a little mak's a meikle," is verified in the accumulation of the variety of articles in this department.

By referring to the list of donors and their gifts, I find the names of many members of our Society, showing that there is no lack of interest in individual members in bringing together and depositing with us their own personal collections, thus making this cabinet a general garner-house, so to speak, of the "wheat" of historical industry and invention, separated from the "chaff" of useless and nonsensical endeavors showing neither calculation, tact or design,—a sort of chaotic conglomeration of brain power exhibited by the animal Man in the dim past, when the cave-dwellers and the dirt-eaters were but a trifle superior in intellect to the many other animals of the wilds which contributed food and shelter alike to man and beast, both savage and barbarous.

These relics, singly and enmasse have a specific and aggregate value, combining utility with seeming uncouthness, instruction with amusement. It is not alone a matter of to-day that we are interested in gathering and classifying these odds and ends of curious things which we treasure here with care.

We have among them two handsomely carved powder horns, made in camp by soldiers and used during the revolutionary war; one, the gift of Mrs. Milton Tucker of our city, finely engraved with a view of the buildings on Dorchester heights; across the bay Boston is represented, the three elevations of the town being a prominent feature in the picture. This horn has the following engraved upon a panel at the upper or small end; "Abel

Scott, his horn, Dorchester, Dec. 26, 1775." It has the original leather strap and stopper, and is every way perfect and well preserved. The other, from one of our members, Frank J. Kinney, demands more than a passing notice as a work of art of its kind. I should feel safe in stating that for elaborate engraving and perfect preservation it would be no easy matter to procure from any source its equal as a relic of the revolution. This horn has a finely carved bottom of red cedar wood, with all the original mountings, worsted strap, and wooden stopper secured to the horn by a leathern thong. On it is engraved in ten lines running from the base to the neck in ornamented capital letters, the following inscription: ‖ Lieu^{t} * Ezra * Beaman * his * horn ‖ made * at * Fox * Poynt * so: call^{d} ‖ in * Dorchester * September ‖ the 30 ye 1775 ‖ in Thoma^{s} Gage^{s} ‖ war who came to Boston ye American^{s} ‖ for to enslave and take their rights ‖ away ‖ made by ‖ Micah ‖ Briard. ‖

These are things which carry our thoughts back to the infant colony whose souls were tried in the bloody battle of Bunker Hill and the long year of suffering and hardship which ensued, serving to link together the thirteen States which took the lead in usurping and establishing a national independence which is our boast and pride.

Coins and medals having once served an especial purpose and then laid aside giving place to others are instructive reminders of the advancement of the physical and political economy which is the corner stone and foundation upon which we have builded our nationality. We look with interest at the so called confederate currency of which we have received during the past year many specimens, tangible reminders of the break in the fraternal interests and good feeling which occurred a few years ago, casting for the time a stain upon the good name of our domestic relations. These jars of nations and individuals by such visible proofs are stamped upon history's page, and, like the ancient hieroglyphics of Egypt will unfold a book of living pictures to be read long after the present actors have passed off the stage of action. This then is the information we are contributing to posterity, to be read when nothing else can better tell our life-story, and it is these memorial tablets we are preserving which

when properly arranged and classified will convey to the mind of the observant student of life-history whole volumes of illustrated information concerning the times and people who have made and used them. We might cite in comparison a book without pictures to show the value of a historical cabinet containing specimens of the handi-work of man's need and invention.

There are many contributions of which we should feel proud to speak in detail, but time forbids more than a passing notice, and yet there are articles of historical and mechanical significance that deserve more attention. Minerals and petrifactions have and will always hold a high rank among the records that tell us of the formation and growth of the past ages. Tools and instruments convey an idea of the ability, genius and requirements of the age in which they were fashioned. Here are relics of the Aborigines of our own country, gathered, many of them, in this locality, and while contrasting the stone arrow head, the stone axe and tomahawk, with the steel weapons of warfare which were used by our grandfathers during the wars and skirmishes between Indians and white men, it opens a page of history which shows at a glance the improvement which follows in the footsteps of a civilization which at some former time, advancing through successive ages, has sprung from barbarism.

HENRY PHELPS, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of

The Worcester Society of Antiquity.

Gentlemen:— Agreeable to the requirements of the By-laws of this Society, I herewith submit this my fifth Annual Report, showing the receipts and expenditures of the Society, from Dec. 2d, 1879, to Dec. 7th, 1880, as follows:—

Cash Received.		Cash Paid.	
1880.	*Dr.*	*1880.*	*Cr.*
Assessments, . . .	$138,00	Rent and Gas. . .	$160,25
Admission Fees, . .	16,00	Newspapers & Station'ry,	12,38
Donation, ...	3,00	Printing.	90,30
Sale of Proceedings, .	14,20	Book & Pamphlet covers,	25,27
Tem'y Loan of Treas.	143,95	Express and Postage, .	10,27
		Loan of Treasurer, 1879,	16,68
	$315,15		$315,15

There are accounts to the amount of $125,00 due the Treasurer at this date.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. SMITH, Treasurer.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Your Librarian respectfully submits the following Report:—

There have been issued during the past year by the Society, publications, as follows: Proceedings of The Worcester Society of Antiquity, for the year 1879, No. VII. Early Records of the Town of Worcester, Book II. 1740–1753, No VIII. Records of the Proprietors of Worcester, Part I., No. IX. Records of the Proprietors of Worcester, Part II., No. X.

There have been donated to the Society during the year, 133 bound Volumes, 1067 Pamphlets, 15 volumes of Magazines, 60 miscellaneous articles, 4 Portraits, and 7 Maps. A list of the donors and societies with whom exchanges have been made are herewith appended. A card catalogue of the Library was begun some months since and will soon be completed, adding much to the usefulness of our collections. I can only repeat the suggestion of last year in relation to more commodious quarters, as many of our books are almost inaccessible on account of the lack of proper shelf room.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT A. LOVELL, Librarian.

Worcester, Dec. 7, 1880.

DONATIONS.

Academy of Science, St Louis, Mo.—Transactions, Vol. IV. No. 1. Contributions to the Archæology of Missouri, Part I.

Adams, Hon. Charles, Jr., North Brookfield, Mass.—1 volume, History of Antrim, N. H., 3 ancient volumes, 4 pamphlets.

Allen Charles A.—1 pamphlet.

American Antiquarian Society.—Proceedings, Nos. 74 and 75.

Ammidown, Hon. Holmes, New York City.—28 Stereoscopic Views, St. Augustine, Florida, his Historical Collections, second edition, 2 vols.,

Astor Library, New York City.—Annual Report.

Bacon, Emily, Charlton Mass.—3 Almanacs, one sermon.

Baker, Mrs. Frances M.—1 volume.

Baker, Mrs. Milton, Athol, Mass.—Revolutionary powder horn of Abel Scott.

Baldwin, Charles C.—4 volumes.

Barton, William S.—2 volumes Holmes' Annals, 2 vols. Whig Almanac, 1843-1860, 2 vols. Tribune do. 1861-1880.

Bates, Phineas Jr., Boston.—3 pamphlets.

Bicknell, Thomas W., Boston.—Bicknell Genealogy.

Boston Marine Society.—1 volume.

Bosworth F. A., M. D., Webster Mass.—12 pamphlets.

Brock, R. A., Richmond, Va.—Register of Confederate Dead, interred in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond Va., 11 Nos. Richmond Standard.

Chandler, George, M. D.—2 Portraits.

Clemence, Henry M.—8 volumes, 10 pamphlets.

Coe, S. Hamilton.—Collection of ballots.

Cook, Norton L.—3 geological specimens, 1 map, 1 pamphlet and several broadsides.

Crane, Ellery B.—3 volumes, 20 pamphlets, 2 broadsides, 1 scrap book, a lot of ballots.

De Costa Rev. B. F., New York city.—His Cabo de Boxos.

Dodge, Benjamin J.—2 volumes, 10 pamphlets.

Drew, Thomas, Boston.—27 pamphlets.

Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.—Essex Bulletin as published.

Evans, H. N.—2 Almanacs.

Faxon, G. L., Spencer, Mass.—1 volume.

Fenno, C W., Orange, N. J.—1 pamphlet.

Forbes & Co., Boston.—Map of Boston.

Garrigue, Rudolph, Morrisania N. Y., The Historical Magazine, 1867-1874.

Goddard, D. A. ,Boston.—1 pamphlet.

Gould, Mrs. R. M.—Two photographs.

Green, Samuel S.—One pamphlet, his "Relations of the Public Library to the public Schools."

Harding, William B., Esq.—Reprint of Worcester Spy, May 3, 1775.

Harris Clarendon.—2 volumes, 6 almanacs.

Hartwell G. W. & Stiles, Mrs. Caroline, Oxford, Mass.—4 volumes.

Harvard University, Librarian of.—Library Bulletin.

Haven, Samuel F.—Buckskin knee-breeches, worn by Bossinger Foster.

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RESOLUTIONS.

The following Resolutions were presented by Mr. Lovell, and unanimously adopted, at the Regular Meeting held January 4, 1881.

Whereas, the Hon. Clark Jillson, who has served this Society as its President for the past two years, has declined a re-election to that office, it is therefore

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be extended to Hon. Clark Jillson for the able, earnest and faithful manner in which he has watched over its interests as its President, and for the many benefits which we as a society have received at his hands.

Resolved, That to his wise counsels, untiring energy, generosity, and labors in season and out of season, is this Society largely indebted for the prosperity it enjoys, and in his retirement as expressing our appreciation of his services, we can only say "Well done."

Resolved, That these resolutions be placed upon the records of the Society, and that they be published in the Annual Proceedings for 1880.

Whereas, Mr. Daniel Seagrave, having served as Secretary of this Society from its organization in 1875 to the present time, has desired to be released from further service as recording officer, and has declined a re-election as such, it is

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be extended to Mr. Daniel Seagrave for the faithful and conscientious manner in which he has performed the duties of Secretary, and for the active interest he has ever manifested in its affairs.

Resolved, That to Mr. Seagrave as one of the prime movers in the formation of this organization, great credit is due for the foresight and faith which he manifested, which the history of the Society has proved to have been well founded.

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His Last Letter to The Worcester Society of Antiquity.

WINDSOR, CT., MAR. 31, 1880.

DEAR SIR:— Your favor informing me of my election as an Honorary member of The Worcester Society of Antiquity is a renewed evidence of the honor and confidence bestowed upon me by my brethren the Antiquaries of Worcester. As such I receive it and hold their testimony in high esteem; the more so since, where I desired and designed to do much, I have (by reason of my continued infirmities) been able to do so little.

The Society has honored me, and in my heart I honor the Society; and this because, in the face of many discouragements, it has taken up a line of work not hitherto prosecuted in Massachusetts, has wrought with commendable diligence, and with conspicuous success.

Should health or strength return to me, I shall esteem it a pleasure to serve the Society in every way I can, and shall endeavor to show myself its fellow-worker and obedient servant. Convey to the members, and accept for yourself, assurances of my high personal esteem.

SILAS KETCHUM.

A. A. LOVELL, ESQ.

SEC. PRO TEM.

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